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News Tracker ... What's new with old news

States

Haiti aid: Secretary of State Colin Powell urged the international community on Tuesday to rally behind Haiti's new government and help its impoverished people build a stable democratic government with a sound economy.

Opening a donors' conference at the World Bank for the Western Hemisphere's poorest nation, Powell said the task of the participants is "to help the people of Haiti build a future of hope."

Amber alert: A new technology debuting in 12 states will significantly extend Amber alerts, reaching cell phones, e-mail and handheld computers, and could also be used to transmit weather and terrorism alerts.

Starting Monday, police officers in Arizona and Washington were able to send Amber alerts — notifications of a child abduction — from a highly encrypted system in their cars, then update them with photos and more detailed descriptions, Warner said. Ten other states are expected to launch the expanded alerts this summer.

Chicken abuse: An investigator for People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals captured video showing chickens being kicked, stomped and thrown against a wall by workers at a supplier for Kentucky Fried Chicken, which has been under pressure since last year over the treatment of animals.

Officials from Yum! Brands Inc., which owns the fast-food chain, saw the video Monday. Kentucky Fried Chicken "will require that the employee or employees responsible will be terminated," KFC spokeswoman Bonnie Warchauer told The New York Times for a story in Tuesday editions.

KBR investigation: A former employee of KBR, Halliburton Co.'s engineering and construction arm that performs much of its government contract work, has been subpoenaed by the Justice Department in an investigation of possible overcharges by the company in Iraq.

In a Securities and Exchange Commission filing Monday, Halliburton disclosed word of that subpoena and another seeking information from the company about foreign subsidiaries that do business in Iran.

World

Whale hunting: Japan proposed hunting nearly 3,000 minke whales a year in the Antarctic, saying whale populations in the southern oceans were healthy enough to sustain the losses as it pressed the International



Whaling Commission to lift the commercial whaling ban.

Japan has long sought to overturn a 1986 ban on all commercial whaling, and Japan's proposal to allow the hunting of minke whales in the Antarctic came late Monday at the IWC's annual meeting, which, as in past years, has been dominated by the issue.

Fischer detainment: The Japanese government is preparing to deport chess legend Bobby Fischer for staying in Japan on an invalid passport, immigration officials said Tuesday.

Fischer, 61, was detained at the international airport in Narita just outside of Tokyo last Tuesday after trying to board a flight for Manila, Philippines.

Seminary porn: Moving to contain a scandal that has deeply embarrassed the Roman Catholic church, Pope John Paul II appointed a special inspector Tuesday to investigate an Austrian seminary where authorities uncovered a vast cache of child pornography.

The pope named Bishop Klaus Kueng, who runs the diocese of Feldkirch in southwestern Austria, as an "apostolic visitor" for the seminary.

War crimes immunity: The United States has renewed its call on its longtime ally Jor-

Ten Commandments monument: A work crew pulls the Ten Commandments monument out of the Alabama Judicial Building in Montgomery, Ala., on Monday. The monument has been out of public view for nearly a year after Alabama Supreme Court Chief Justice Roy Moore refused to follow a federal court order to remove it from public view. A federal judge had ruled the prominent public display amounted to an unconstitutional promotion of religion by government. The monument will go on a tour of the United States, ending up in Washington.

dan to extend immunity to American peacekeepers against prosecution for war crimes, officials said from both countries said Tuesday.

The latest American request came Monday from Lincoln Bloomfield, a U.S. assistant secretary of state, in meetings with senior Jordanian officials, including Foreign Minister Marwan Muasher. It echoed similar U.S. requests in recent weeks. Jordanian government spokeswoman Asma Khader told The Associated Press.

Afghan elections: Afghan President Hamid Karzai on Tuesday shifted three of Afghanistan's powerful militia leaders to civilian and police posts in an attempt to keep upcoming elections fair.

The United Nations warns that armed factions could use their guns to sway the outcome of elections, though it says a presidential vote slated for Oct. 9 is less at risk.

Patrolling Malacca Straits: Seventeen naval vessels from Singapore, Indonesia and Malaysia steamed into the Malacca Straits on Tuesday to begin their first coordinated patrols aimed at deterring terrorism and piracy in East Asia's maritime lifeline.

The unprecedented show of force by the three countries that border the straits aims to protect the vital, \$50-mile shipping lane from a "9/11 at sea."

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Little sympathy for alleged deserter from troops

BY JOSEPH GIORDONO
Stars and Stripes

SEOUL — Though the subject of a media frenzy in Japan and South Korea, the plight of a former U.S. Army soldier labeled a deserter after spending the past 40 years in North Korea stirs little passion or sympathy among servicemen in the Pacific.

Charles Jenkins, 64, disappeared during a patrol near the Demilitarized Zone in 1965, the U.S. military says he deserted his post. Family members in the United States say he was kidnapped and brainwashed to stay in North Korea ever since.

On Sunday, the ailing Jenkins arrived in Tokyo with his Japanese wife, who was abducted by North Korea in 1978. His wife was released to Japan two years ago. She was reunited last week with Jenkins in Indonesia, a country with no U.S. extradition treaty. U.S. officials said they are willing to defer prosecution Jenkins until medical treatment was completed, but will not drop the possibility of charging him as a deserter.

Though the saga has been a nightly feature on Japanese and South Korean news broadcasts, the majority of U.S. servicemen interviewed Tuesday don't recognize the name or have only a passing familiarity with the case. But for those who have followed the story, opinion is nearly unanimous: Jenkins should be charged, no matter how much time has passed.

"You can't just walk off the line and come back a bunch of years later saying, 'I want to come home now,'" said Sgt. Terri Mills, an 8th Army soldier shopping in the Itaewon district near Yongsan Garrison on Tuesday.

Of the half-dozen soldiers she was with, Mills was the only one who had heard of the case.

"If the military can prove that he's a deserter, then he should face whatever punishment is given to him. I mean, it's sad to see how poor his health is, and I'm sure he regrets some of whatever happened. But you can't start making exceptions for certain cases. You have to treat everyone equally."

At Misawa Air Base in northern Japan, airmen generally were unsympathetic toward Jenkins' plight.

"He should be court-martialed. He left his post. Dereliction of duty," said Senior Airman Jonathan West of the 35th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron. "I don't care if he's old."

Tech. Sgt. Sean Murray, also of the 35th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, said Jenkins should be held accountable, but spared a strict punishment because of his age and ailing health.

"He is a deserter, so I think we still need at least an explanation. You can't just walk off your post and decide I don't want to do this anymore."

Marine Lance Cpl. John Bilanco of Camp Foster, Okinawa, feels that Jenkins is no good to the United States except for intelligence.

"Jenkins is a defector," said Bilanco. "Let's bring this guy to the United States, question him and gather intelligence on North Korea," said Bilanco. "If he does not cooperate with us, let's confine him for the rest of his life to a U.S. jail."

At Yokota Air Base in Japan, some said the complexity of the case makes it hard to determine what's appropriate.

"He's probably too old, too crippled to be punished," said Master Sgt. Robert Martel of the 730th Air Mobility Squadron. "If he did desert, he should do the time. I'm sure that with his concern coming back, and I'm sure he's willing to accept that."

"But we don't know all the facts yet. There are reports saying he was kidnapped. Until we know the facts, I'm not sure what should be done, but all that aside, he's too old to be put in prison. He'll die there. He's ailing, and his kids won't get to see him. What do you do? Is there a middle ground for this?"

While Jenkins' failing health is a consideration, some say authorities remain obligated to address the case.

"You can't just forget about him," said Staff Sgt. Alberto Delgado of the 37th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron. "If you let him go, it sets a precedent. Then what do you do? Forget about all those who fled to Canada, too?"

Tech. Sgt. Alfred Hough, of the 35th Communications Squadron at Misawa, was in the minority opinion. Hough said that while letting Jenkins go sends a bad message to other would-be deserters, he wonders if there shouldn't be a statute of limitations.

"If he deserted more recently, I'd say pursue it. But hell, how old is he now, 70? To me, it would just be a waste of our time and taxpayer dollars. If they're willing to hide out in another country for 30 some years and change your citizenship, who wants you as an American? Just let him go."

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Accused U.S. Army deserter Charles Jenkins and his Japanese wife, Hitomi Soga, arrive at Tokyo's Haneda International Airport on Sunday.

Jenkins undergoes tests

BY AUDREY MCAVOY
The Associated Press

TOKYO — A former U.S. soldier accused of defecting to North Korea decades ago underwent tests at a Tokyo hospital on Tuesday after Washington said it would hold off, for now, on demands that he be turned over to face desertion charges.

The hospital where Jenkins was staying refused to provide any information about his condition. Tokyo has said Jenkins was suffering from the after-effects of abdominal surgery he had in North Korea several months ago and needed immediate medical attention. Government spokesman Hiroyuki Hosoda said it would be several days before the results of his medical examinations would become available.

Meanwhile, Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi said he hoped Tokyo and Washington could agree on a solution that would allow 64-year-old Charles Jenkins to stay in Japan with his Japanese wife, Hitomi Soga, and two daughters.

There are legal issues concerning Soga's family living in Japan. We would like to explore solutions that would satisfy both Japan and the United States," Koizumi told reporters.

Pulse checking



LAMEL J. HINTON/Courtesy of the U.S. Navy

Airman Patrick E. Farmer, left, and Airman Luis A. Felix stand a force protection watch on the 50-caliber machine gun while the USS Kitty Hawk departs its operating port of Yokosuka, Japan. The Kitty Hawk Strike Group is one of seven carrier strike groups involved in Summer Pulse, an exercise demonstrating the Navy's ability to provide credible combat power across the globe, in five theaters with other U.S., allied and coalition military forces.

Correction

In Tuesday's editions, an Associated Press obituary for Charles Sweeney, who flew the plane that dropped the atomic bomb on Nagasaki, described the B-29 bomber, named *Bock's Car*, as his plane.

Bock's Car was normally commanded by Frederick Bock. For the mission to drop the second atomic bomb on Japan, Sweeney and Bock switched planes. Sweeney flew *Bock's Car*, and Bock flew *The Great Artist*, Sweeney's airplane, according to Sweeney's family and official military histories.

Sweeney piloted *The Great Artist* in support role for the U.S. attack on Hiroshima, the first atomic bombing of Japan.

Search picks up for machine-gun bullets dropped from helicopter

BY NANCY MONTGOMERY
Stars and Stripes

YOKOSUKA NAVAL BASE, Japan — Sailors with metal detectors spent all day Tuesday searching for two machine-gun bullets still at large in Yokohama after a box of 200 bullets fell Monday from a helicopter on its way from Atsugi Naval Air Facility to the USS Kitty Hawk.

"They're going to look until they find them," said Brian Naranjo, a Kitty Hawk spokesman. "For as long as it takes, until it's all accounted for."

The searchers were split into morning and evening crews of about 25 each, Naranjo said. They and the Japanese police had recovered 198 bullets and the box they were in by Monday evening. The box, with the bullets, fell from an Atsugi-based B-60 Seahawk helicopter.

The metal box — about a foot long, 4 inches wide and 8 inches tall — fell from the helicopter around 7:45 a.m. Monday, according to the U.S. Navy in Japan. The box fell shortly after the four-member crew left Atsugi to

fly over and guard the Kitty Hawk after the carrier departed Yokosuka Naval Base.

The box fell about 328 yards, then hit a parking lot in Yokohama City's Izumi Ward. No injuries or property damage were reported. Japanese police and Atsugi sailors had recovered all but five of the bullets by Monday night, Naranjo said. Additionally, a few Japanese citizens found and returned some bullets.

An investigation is under way, according to Commander Naval Forces Japan, no information on how the incident occurred was available Tuesday. Helicopter crewmembers alerted Atsugi officials after the box fell, and naval officials reported the incident to Japanese authorities.

According to Japanese newspapers, Kanagawa police were notified around 12:40 p.m.

On Tuesday afternoon, officials from Yokohama City, Yokohama's Defense Administration Bureau and Kanagawa Prefecture visited CNFJ to express concern about the matter, said Jon Nylander, a CNFJ spokesman.

"If a thing had gone differently, it could have caused a fatal acci-

dent," the Kanagawa officials' letter noted. "It is regrettable that this sort of accident would make the residents uneasy."

The officials, Nylander said, "basically, wanted to know what happened, and to make sure it didn't happen again."

Aircraft parts such as bolts occasionally have fallen off, Nylander said, but this is the first in recent memory that a box of bullets has fallen. Both the spokesman for the Kitty Hawk strike group and its admiral expressed concern Monday that the incident had happened and reiterated their commitment to the safety of Japanese citizens.

"I am gravely concerned," Adm. James Kelly said in a statement. "We'll do everything possible to ensure all the bullets are found."

The bullets are no more or less dangerous than other bullets, officials said, relatively stable but likely to explode if hit hard enough or tossed into a flame and definitely not to be fooled with.

"It's a live round," Nylander said.

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Response crews ready

Emergency drill at Yokota a success

BY VINCE LITTLE
Stars and Stripes

YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan — The call came in just after 8 a.m. Tuesday. An airplane had just gone down on base.

Police, fire and ambulance crews raced to the scene, which appeared grim and dire. Scores lay injured, including both those who'd been on the plane, and on the ground an unknown number were dead.

In this instance, though, it was only a test — a quarterly review of Yokota's ability to confront a serious incident.

"I'm pleased with how quickly we brought order to the chaos. This exercise is a good test of our organization."

Lt. Col. Martin Granum
On-scene commander

assistance from numerous other base agencies, including the 374th Operations and Maintenance squadrons.

"It was a huge success," Granum said. "This is an excellent chance to practice and ensure our readiness for any mishap. We nailed it."

The practice sessions are conducted for two reasons: Yokota officials want to sharpen emergency response, using their medical, fire, security forces and readiness personnel. And they also get a chance to test the base's command and control function, which includes senior wing leadership and several different organizations, Granum explained.

On Tuesday, word of a plane "crash" reached Yokota's command post at 8:05 a.m., said 1st Lt. Warren Comer, a base spokesman.

With a community party outside Building 402. Staff will discuss programs offered by ACS and provide prizes and refreshments.

ACS supports Army families with a variety of programs including financial, employment and relocation assistance.

The party will run from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the ACS building parking lot. Festivities will include face painting, balloon toys, music and door prizes. Call DSN 263-4357 for more information.

Commander leaving

Col. Mark A. Correll will relinquish command of the 374th Mission Support Group on Friday, base officials said. The ceremony begins at 9 a.m. in Hangar 15.

His replacement, Col. William Story, assumes the post Aug. 2 in a separate event slated for 7:30 a.m. in Hangar 15. He previously worked at the Pentagon.

Correll is headed to Tinker Air Force Base, Okla., where he'll serve as the 72nd Air Base Wing's vice commander.

Yokota comedy jam

YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan — The Yokota Enlisted Club is hosting an adults-only Comedy Jam on Friday at 8 p.m.

The show features U.S. comedians Jamal Doman and Warren Dursio. Cumulus Radio Quizcast personality DJ XQuartz, who's appeared at Japan's Club Heaven and Grand Slam, will also perform and take part in the post-show party until 2 a.m.

Admission is free to Enlisted Club members. The cost for non-members is \$8. Call DSN 227-8820 for more information.

From staff reports

man. With temperatures hovering in the upper 90s, immediate-response teams were dispatched to the site, where medical personnel handled triage, performed lifesaving treatments and prepared patients for transfer to the hospital.

Emergency responders dealt with 25 "casualties" in the exercise, including some fatalities, Granum said.

Officials briefly shut down both ends of Yokota's runway during the exercise. Base traffic was halted for about 30 minutes on the north and south overruns.

"This allows us to get people out and practice these scenarios," Comer said. "You want to have your eyes open before you face a real incident."

Maj. Heidi Kjos, a flight surgeon who acted as the on-scene medical commander Tuesday, said routine rehearsals are critical in shaping the chemistry of emergency personnel.

"Every time you have a mass-casualty situation, you're trying to make organization out of chaos, which can be nearly impossible," she said. "It's always a good experience to get people out here and see how it works, just in case the real thing happens."

"It went fairly smooth. You always have chaos. It's kind of ex-



KATIE THOMAS/Courtesy of the U.S. Air Force

Lt. Col. Martin Granum, left, of the 374th Civil Engineer Squadron, and Col. Marc Luiken, the 374th Mission Support Group vice commander, respond to a plane "crash" on the Yokota Air Base flightline Tuesday. Granum served as the on-scene commander of Tuesday's major accident response exercise at Yokota.

pected. Communication is the key."

A few difficulties arose throughout the morning, Granum said, the "normal confusion" one might expect in an emergency of

this magnitude.

"I'm pleased with how quickly we brought order to the chaos," he said. "This exercise is a good test of our organization."

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Oil sheen cleaned up

An oil sheen seen floating on the water of Yokosuka Naval Base's Harbormaster Pier Monday was cleaned up the same day, officials said Tuesday.

Mike Chase, base spokesman, said it had not yet been determined where the oil came from or how much had been recovered from the water. The Japanese Coast Guard had taken a sample of the oil, to determine whether it came from a Japanese or U.S. vessel. The countries use different types of fuel oil.

Chase said the oil was contained with a boom, then cleaned off the water with skimmers and absorbent materials.

The oil was noticed shortly before 9 a.m. Monday and the clean-up effort began immediately, he said.

An oil sheen is thin, translucent, see-through coating of oil on water, Chase said, thinner and less viscous than an oil slick.

Culinary demonstration

Visiting chefs from the famed Culinary Institute of America will perform a demonstration for the Atsugi community from 2 to 5 p.m. Thursday at the Officers Club.

The chefs will then whip up a Polynesian lunch at 5:15 p.m. Saturday for all ranks, followed at 8 p.m. by a free Polynesian dance and music show on the Officers Club patio.

Tickets for the luau are \$18.75 each, available at the club front desk. Call DSN 264-3620 for more information.

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Filipino truck driver freed in Iraq

U.S. critical of peacekeeper pullout; deaths of 4 Marines also reported

BY JAMIE TARABAY

The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — A Filipino truck driver held hostage in Iraq for nearly two weeks was freed Tues-

day, a day after his nation withdrew its final peacekeepers from Iraq — a move that met the kidnappers' demands but angered U.S. and Iraqi officials.

Also, four U.S. Marines were

killed in action in separate incidents in Anbar Province, a Sunni-dominated area west of Baghdad, the military said Tuesday.

Two Marines were killed while

conducting "security and stability operations" in the province, the military said. Another Marine was killed in action Monday and a fourth died of wounds received in action Monday in Anbar, the military said in a statement.

As of Tuesday, 891 U.S. service members have died since military operations in Iraq began in March 2003, according to the Defense Department.

The Philippines government and the family of Angelo dela Cruz were overjoyed at his release. His wife, Arsenia, burst into tears upon hearing the news in neighboring Jordan. Philippines President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo grinned during a nationally televised address in the Philippines.

"We must rejoice at the good news, but our happiness must be tempered by the awareness that we live in dangerous times, and that we must work to create a more peaceful world," Arroyo said.

The withdrawal by the Philippines has been strongly criticized by Iraqi and U.S. officials. Many, including Gen. John Abizaid, the top U.S. military commander in the Middle East, fear it will embolden terror groups to take more foreign citizens hostage to try to drive a wedge between the countries in the coalition.

Several previous hostage crises did not push other countries to withdraw troops.

"All of us know that if you appease terrorism you will sooner or later fall victim to it or be taken over by it," Abizaid said Tuesday in the Gulf kingdom of Bahrain.

The ordeal of dela Cruz, a father of eight, had captivated the Philippines, since he was first shown on video wearing a bright orange garment similar to that worn by other foreign hostages who were killed by kidnappers.

With more than 7 million Filipinos working overseas, 1.4 million of them in the Middle East, many in the Philippines felt a personal connection to dela Cruz.

The news of dela Cruz's release came amid an ongoing wave of deadly violence across Iraq, much of it targeting police and other government officials, whom insurgents view as collaborators.

In the southern city of Basra, gunmen killed Hazim al-Aynachi, an Iraqi council member running for governor, along with his bodyguard and driver as they were pulling out of his driveway to head to work Tuesday, said council head Abdul Bari Faiyeh.

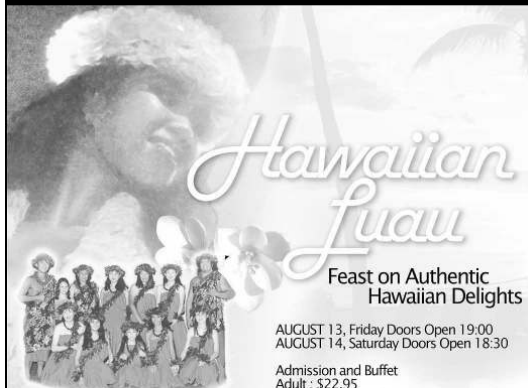
Faiyeh blamed the killing on opposition to the gubernatorial elections that were scheduled for Tuesday, but were delayed in response to the shooting.

The militants holding dela Cruz, who first appeared in a videotape July 7 surrounded by masked, armed gunmen, demanded the Philippines pull out its 51-member force here or they would kill him.

At news of his release, dela Cruz's family burst into celebration.

"I thank all who offered prayers for our family," Arsenia dela Cruz said from Jordan, where she had been awaiting word of her husband's fate.

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Militants threaten Japan

By MAGGIE MICHAEL

The Associated Press

CAIRO, Egypt — The Islamic militant group blamed for deadly attacks on foreign and local interests in Iraq threatened Japan on Tuesday that car bombs would strike its troops if they were not withdrawn.

"To the government of Japan: do what the Philippines has done. By God, nobody will protect you and we are not going to tolerate anybody," said an on-line statement signed by the Khalid bin al-Waleed Brigade, the military wing of the Tawhid and Jihad group.

"Lines of cars laden with explosives are awaiting you; we will not stop, God willing," said the statement, carried by an Islamic forum, known as a clearinghouse for statements by extremist groups.

"You didn't come to support the people of Iraq but to protect the Americans. Your destiny will be the same of Americans," the statement said.

Japan has dispatched about 500 troops to southern Iraq for noncombat duty to rebuild local

schools, provide medical supplies and supply clean water. The military mission, begun earlier this year, is controversial in Japan as its first to a combat zone since World War II.

In April, Japan refused to withdraw its troops after three Japanese were kidnapped by Iraqi insurgents. The three were later released.

Tawhid and Jihad is considered one of the most dangerous groups fighting coalition forces in Iraq. The group, led by al-Qaida-linked militant Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, has claimed responsibility for attacks on U.S. troops and Iraqi police and security forces that have killed hundreds, as well as the beheading of American, Bulgarian and South Korean hostages.

The group's statement also warned Arab and Islamic governments not to deploy troops to Iraq, naming Jordan, Iran, Turkey and Gulf countries.

"We are warning you for the last time. We will hit with a fist of iron all those supporting the Americans or [interim Iraqi Prime Minister Iyad] Alawi or his cronies," the statement read.

'Strongman' reputation endears PM to Iraqis

BY HAMZA HENDAWI

The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — He promises "annihilation" for his enemies and laughs off threats against his life. Capital punishment will be back, he says, and rumors racing through the streets have him personally shooting terrorists in cold blood.

To Iraqis hurting from months of violence and chaos, interim Prime Minister Iyad Al-lawi has developed the aura of a tough, perhaps brutal, leader. Surprisingly, that image has endeared him to many Iraqis, accustomed to strongman rule.

"I heard that he goes to jails to kill criminals," said Salma Abbas, 50, a government employee. "This is good. We want someone as strong as Saddam."

A secular Muslim Shiite with CIA links and ties to Saddam Hussein's Baath Party in the 1970s, Al-lawi has been a member of the now-defunct Governing Council, but he was not widely known here when he became interim leader of the country June 28.

His blank public image has been filled in over the past three weeks, in sometimes fearsome ways.

One persistent rumor has him killing as many as six blindfolded and handcuffed terrorist suspects held at a Baghdad police station just days before taking power.

When asked about it at a news conference last week, Al-lawi let out a hearty laugh and called the tale a "big lie."

"It's a rumor by our enemies. We definitely

would not use the same tactics that Saddam has used, and we are, all of us, myself, as well as my government, far away from these activities."

Other stories making the rounds vary slightly in their detail, but the message is the same: Al-lawi, a 58-year-old British-educated physician-turned-politician, is a ruthless man willing to resort to horrifying brutality to restore security to Iraq.

These attitudes may be difficult to fathom — given that Iraqis have suffered terrible injustices under Saddam — but they reflect people's impatience with the violence that has been harvesting innocent lives for more than a year.

They also point out the qualities Iraqis respect in a leader and the distance the country

has to travel before it fully embraces human rights and democratic values.

In the three weeks since he took the helm, Al-lawi has shown resolve in trying to tackle the violence here, introducing emergency laws that give him the power to declare martial law and order curfews. He said he would restore the death penalty suspended by the U.S.-run occupation, despite the European Union's opposition.

He has also ratcheted up the get-tough rhetoric. In announcing the formation of a new security agency last week, he said the service would "annihilate those terrorist groups."

Al-lawi's "get-tough" policy has yet to bear fruit, as suicide bombings, attacks on coalition troops, assassinations, kidnappings and sabotage to infrastructure have continued.

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IN THE STATES

Clinton adviser probed over missing memos

By JOHN SOLOMON
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Sandy Berger, former President Clinton's national security adviser, is under criminal investigation by the Justice Department after highly classified terrorism documents disappeared while he was reviewing what should be turned over to the Sept. 11 commission.

Berger's home and office were searched earlier this year by FBI agents armed with warrants after the former Clinton adviser voluntarily returned some sensitive documents to the National Archives and admitted he also removed handwritten notes he had made while reviewing the sensitive

documents.

However, some drafts of a sensitive after-action report on the Clinton administration's handling of al-Qaida terror threats during the December 1999 millennium celebration are still missing, officials and lawyers told The Associated Press.

Al Feizenberg, spokesman for the Sept. 11 commission, said Tuesday the Berger investigation will not impact the panel's work in any way. The 10-member bipartisan panel releases its final report



Berger

on Thursday.

White House officials referred questions to the Justice Department.

Berger and his lawyer said Monday night he knowingly removed the handwritten notes by placing them in his jacket and pants, and also inadvertently took copies of actual classified documents in a leather portfolio.

The Archives, which is the nation's repository for presidential papers, is believed to have copies of some of the missing documents. The FBI searches of Berger's home and office occurred after National Archives employees told agents they believed they witnessed Berger place documents in his clothing while reviewing sensitive Clinton administration papers and that some

documents were then noticed missing, officials said.

When asked, Berger said he returned some classified documents that he found in his office and all of the handwritten notes he had taken from the secure room, but could not locate two or three copies of the highly classified millennium terror report.

"In the course of reviewing over several days thousands of pages of documents on behalf of the Clinton administration in connection with requests by the Sept. 11 commission, I inadvertently took a few documents from the Archives," Berger said.

Justice officials have informed the Sept. 11 commission of the Berger incident and the nature of the documents in case commissioners had any concerns, officials said.

Bush mulling intelligence chief, candidates for CIA

By TERENCE HUNT
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The White House reserved judgment Monday about whether to establish a Cabinet-level national intelligence chief.

President Bush said he was "still taking a good, hard look" at candidates to lead the CIA.

A major reorganization of the intelligence community and cre-

ation of a Cabinet-level intelligence agency are expected to be among primary recommendations of the independent commission that investigated the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

The commission announced it would release its final report Thursday at an 11:30 a.m. news conference, culmination of nearly 20 months' investigation into the nation's worst terror attack.

Bush said he would await the commission's report before commenting.

"Some of the reforms, I think, are necessary: more human intelligence, better ability to listen or to see things and better coordination amongst the variety of intelligence-gathering services," the president said. "And so we'll look at all their recommendations."

He also said he was not ready to

nominate a new CIA chief to replace George Tenet, who stepped down earlier this month.

Acting CIA Director John McLaughlin said Sunday he thought there was no need for a Cabinet-level national intelligence chief. White House press secretary Scott McClellan said McLaughlin was speaking for himself, not the administration.

The commission report also is

expected to discuss any relationship between Iraq's neighbor and traditional foe Iran and the al-Qaida terror organization.

Bush said the United States is exploring whether Iran had a role in the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001. Bush noted that acting McLaughlin has said that there was no direct connection, but Bush said, "We're digging into the facts to see if there was one."

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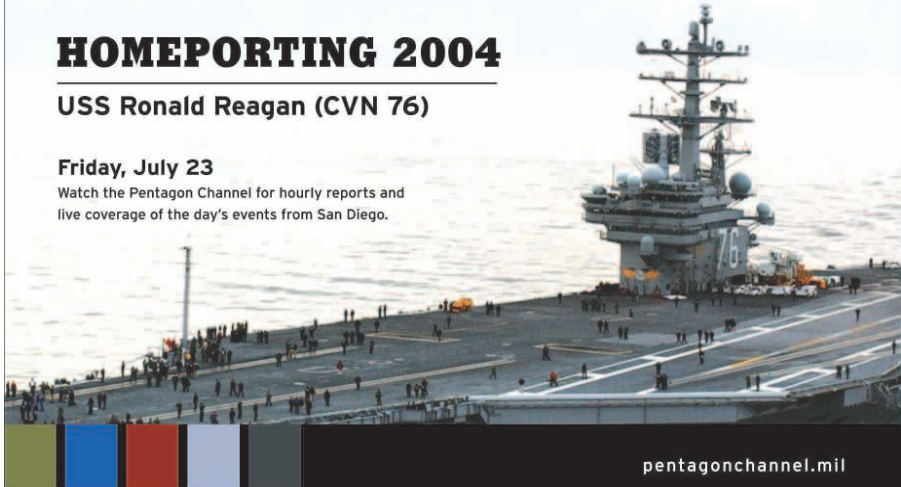
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Hospital oversight group missing mark, investigators say

BY MARK SHERMAN

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The private organization that clears hospitals to receive Medicare payments missed most problems later identified by state inspectors, potentially compromising patient safety, congressional investigators said Tuesday.

The Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations, made up mainly of health professionals, failed to find 167 of 241 "serious deficiencies" in a survey of 500 hospitals that were reviewed between 2000 and 2002, the Government Accountability Office said. The agency, Congress' investigative arm, was formerly called the General Accounting Office.

Many of the overlooked problems related to fire safety, while others involved substandard care. In a Texas hospital, a patient died after receiving a double dose of narcotics in the emergency room and "medications were administered without physician orders," the report said.

A California hospital lacked "a sanitary environment to avoid sources and transmission of infections and communicable diseases and failed to develop a system for ensuring the sterilization of medical instruments," the GAO said.

Hospitals approved by the commission are considered automatically eligible for participation in Medicare. It holds a unique status among accrediting agencies in

that the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services has no authority to force the commission to change its accreditation program.

The commission accredited 82 percent of U.S. hospitals in 2002, the GAO said. Those hospitals received \$98 billion for Medicare-covered services that year.

Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, and Rep. Pete Stark, D-Calif., who jointly requested the report, are introducing legislation to increase Medicare's authority over the commission.

"While more may need to be done, the legislation were introducing today will improve accountability by establishing a clear chain of command within the hospital oversight process," Stark said. "It will help assure that taxpayer dollars are being spent in facilities that meet Medicare's standards."

Commission president Dennis O'Leary said his group made sweeping changes to the accreditation process earlier this year. "In our view, it is irresponsible to alarm the public using statistics that have little meaning," O'Leary said in response to the GAO report.

Twenty-two of the 28 people on the commission's board represent hospitals, doctors and other health professionals.

Medicare chief Mark McClellan said his agency agreed with the GAO report, but noted that no problems were found in most hospitals that were reviewed.

Anthrax probe back at Fort Detrick

FREDERICK, Md. — FBI agents combed laboratory suites at Fort Detrick — home to the Army's biological warfare defense program — on Tuesday, and a source said they again were looking for evidence in the 2001 anthrax attacks.

The labs at the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Infectious Diseases have been closed since Friday, Fort Detrick spokesman Charles Dasey said.

A law-enforcement source, speaking on condition of anonymity, told The Associated Press the activity is related to the anthrax mailings that killed five people and sickened 17 in autumn 2001. FBI agents have frequently visited Fort Detrick since the unsolved attacks, amid speculation that the deadly spores or the person who sent them may be connected to Fort Detrick.

Debra Weierman, spokeswoman for the FBI's Washington field office, said the lab probe was part of "an ongoing criminal investigation." She said could not discuss details of the activity.

House votes to fund vets health care

WASHINGTON — A House panel voted Tuesday to cut space, environment and science programs next year, including giving President Bush 7 percent less than the \$16.2 billion he proposed for NASA.

The cuts, including deep reductions in the funds Bush wants to prepare for manned missions to the Moon and Mars, were approved on the 35th anniversary of the day Apollo 11 astronaut Neil Armstrong took man's first steps on the Moon.

The reductions were imposed in a wide-ranging \$92.9 billion measure that also finances veterans programs. The savings helped lawmakers finance

a \$2 billion increase for veterans health care, to \$30.3 billion, underscoring Congress' determination to provide such money at a time of war.

"The choices have been brutally fair," said Rep. James Walsh, R-N.Y., chief author of the legislation. Citing federal deficits that have spun to record levels, he added, "We've tried to do the best we could."

Senate panel OKs flag-burning ban

WASHINGTON — A Senate panel approved a constitutional amendment Tuesday that would ban the burning of the American flag, but opponents of the measure say there's not enough support in the full, GOP-controlled Senate to push through a change to the Constitution.

The Senate Judiciary Committee approved a one-line change to the Constitution — "The Congress shall have power to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States" on an 11-7 vote, which pushes the issue to the full Senate.

"The flag deserves constitutional protection, and legal scholars agree that this amendment is the only way to restore the law as it existed for most of our nation's history," said Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas.

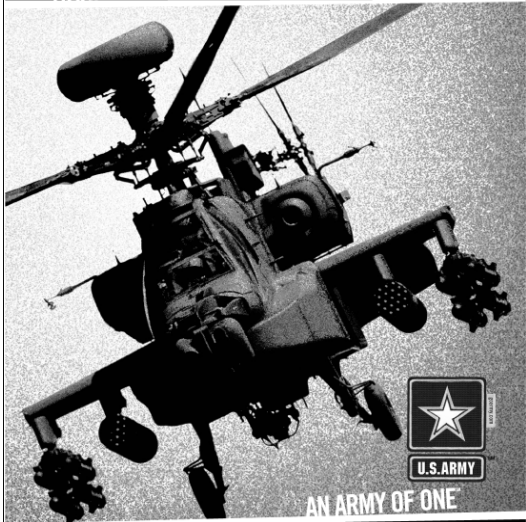
Even though some Democrats are joining with the majority Republicans to support the change in the closely divided Senate, there won't be enough support to get the required 67 votes needed to approve a constitutional amendment, said Sen. Russ Feingold, D-Wis., who opposes the change.

Many opponents say such an amendment would limit free speech rights.

In 1990, Congress passed another law protecting the flag, but the Supreme Court that year, in another 5-4 ruling, struck it down as unconstitutional.

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Trump fired as golfer?

Donald Trump may be a billionaire real estate developer with a hot TV show, but that doesn't make him master of the golf course.



Trump

Trump, star of "The Apprentice," was joined at the tournament by other celebrities including former basketball star Michael Jordan, TV personalities Maury Povich and Ahmad Rashad, actor Kevin Sorbo, and

tennis great Pete Sampras. Former NHL star Dan Quinn's birdie on the final hole helped him win the contest.

Springsteen jams at Asbury

Two days after a tribute concert was held for Bruce Springsteen, The Boss slowed up in Asbury Park, N.J., to offer an authentic taste of his music.

Springsteen joined rocker Joe Grushecky onstage for an hour and a half. Grushecky played some of Springsteen's songs earlier in the week.

This time, the two played songs, including "Johnny 99." Most featured extended jams



Springsteen

that included blistering solos by Springsteen.

After the concert at the Stone Pony club, where Springsteen is known to occasionally drop in for spontaneous gigs, The Boss spoke briefly about an exhibit featuring him at the Newark (N.J.) Museum.

Springsteen said he did not feel any awkwardness in being the subject of a museum exhibit.

"I take it as it comes," he said.

Damon times 2 — times 2

Matt Damon didn't plan to do a movie sequel — much less two back-to-back.

The actor, who has already begun work opposite Brad Pitt and George Clooney on "Ocean's Twelve," also stars in "The Bourne Supremacy."

"First, I was skeptical about a sequel," Damon told the Boston Herald in Sunday's editions. "Even when we promoted the first

one and that question came up — would I sign up for the next one? — I said, 'No, there is no next one.'"



Damon

"The performance at the box office at the end of the day is the controlling factor of whether you're working or not as a leading man in high-end movies," he said.

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Qualcomm tests phones in flight

BY DAVID KOENIG
The Associated Press

FORT WORTH, Texas — In one of the first legal in-flight cell phone calls, Qualcomm Inc. chief executive Irwin Jacobs sat in the front row of coach and chatted with a telecom lobbyist from 25,000 feet.

Jacobs and a group of reporters were aboard an American Airlines jetliner last Thursday that flew out of Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport for a demonstration of Qualcomm's in-flight cellular technology.

The flight required special clearance from the Federal Aviation Administration and Federal Communications Commission. The FAA said the airlines ban in-flight cell calls for fear the signals could interfere with navigational equipment. The FCC is worried about them disrupting terrestrial cellular networks.

Reporters were given phones with code division multiple ac-

cess, or CDMA technology, and a few minutes to make and receive calls.

Qualcomm commercialized CDMA technology, a standard used by many top wireless carriers.

Connections from the plane were generally good, although some calls were dropped. Sound quality was about the same as a cell call on the ground, other than the loud background noise on the MD-80 jetliner.

Clearly, this was early-stage airborne cell tech.

Sound quality was about the same as a cell call on the ground, other than the loud background noise on the MD-80 jetliner.

There was a delay of about one second in voice communications, like that encountered when using a satellite phone, which interfered with natural conversation. The delay was caused by technology that digitally transmits voice in data packets from the air plane to the ground. Also, the caller could not hear the phone ringing on the other end, which caused at least one reporter to hang up while the person on the other end was shouting



Qualcomm Inc. chief executive Irwin Jacobs, right, talks on a cell phone from an American Airlines Super 80 jetliner last Thursday as the airplane flies over western Texas. Jacobs along with other officials from American Airlines and Qualcomm Inc. were aboard the jetliner with a group of reporters and photographers for a demonstration of cellular technology at 25,000 feet.

into the receiver.

Monte Ford, American's top technology official, said he called his wife, secretary and friends in Paris and Madrid, Spain. He said domestic connections were better than international.

Jacobs said San Diego-based Qualcomm would send the

next two years testing whether electronic signals interfere with the jetliner's avionics system.

He said improvements in the technology would include shortening the one-second delay. Eventually, air travelers should be able to make calls and download movies with wireless devices aboard jetliners, he said.

A nonprofit aeronautics group, RTCA Inc., is working on guidelines for testing wireless devices aloft. RTCA did not immediately return calls for comment.

The cost of outfitting jetliners for in-flight cell calls would be "minimal," Ford said, but he wouldn't rule out the possibility of the airline charging passengers extra for the calls.

American has ripped seatback phones out of most of its planes.

People found the phones expensive and inconvenient, Ford said.

"They wanted to get on the ground to make calls with their cell phones,"

The seatback phones use FAA-approved technology that doesn't interfere with jet navigation systems. And they were expensive.

Airlines generally charge about \$4 a minute plus a \$4 access charge.

Even before last Thursday it was widely known that cell phones will sometimes work on jetliners. On Sept. 11, 2001, several passengers aboard hijacked airliners called loved ones.

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INDEXES				
52-week	Low	High	Vol	Net Chg
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10,753.15	8,997.11	Dow Jones Industrial	10,694.00	-61.7
3,212.45	2,536.38	Dow Jones Transportation	3,185.13	+16.8
282.52	229.46	Dow Jones Utilities	282.45	+1.38
6,798.12	5,430.77	NYSE Composite	6,646.66	-3.36
938.73	735.14	Amer Ind	935.1	-3.51
2,153.83	1,648.88	NASDAQ Composite	2,083.83	+5.58
1,163.23	960.84	S&P 500	1,160.98	-0.99
618.46	471.91	S&P MidCap	594.42	+2.35
698.42	460.57	Russell 2000	554.73	-1.4
11,371.14	9,254.56	DJ Wilshire 5000	10,743.98	+19.8

NYSE				
Most Active (\$1 or more)	Most Active (\$1 or more)	Most Active (\$1 or more)	Most Active (\$1 or more)	Most Active (\$1 or more)
Apple	12,910	134	1	1
Boeing	2,684	36.15	-1.25	1
IBM	3,984	126.05	+1.05	1
Microsoft	11,083	29.03	-1.1	1
Oracle	1,082	33.33	+1.4	1
Northrup	1,816	4.48	+0.1	1
General Electric	1,962	33.33	+1.4	1
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EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates	
Japanese yen (July 21)	107.00
S. Korean won (July 20)	1,131.00
Euro	\$1.275
British pound	\$1.372
Commercial rates	
Bahrain (Dinar)	0.357
British pound	\$1.865
Canada (Dollar)	1.3074
Denmark (Krone)	5.919
Egypt (Pound)	6.19
Euro	\$1.2439
Hong Kong (Dollar)	7.799
Hong Kong (Hong Kong)	1.2025
India (Rupee)	4.624
Israel (Shekel)	1.0823
Japan (Yen)	107.00
Kuwait (Dinar)	0.2947
Norway (Krone)	4.832
Philippines (Peso)	55.86
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	1.375
Singapore (Dollar)	1.2575
Switzerland (Franc)	1.228
Thailand (Baht)	1.3620
Turkey (Lira)	1.428571
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Cents and Sensibility

Money tip of the day

Agencies to protect you

Newsway — The federal agency that polices interstate household moves has two investigators to look into unscrupulous movers and three "specialists" to coordinate consumer complaint-handling.

No wonder experts emphasize the need for consumers to do what they can to protect themselves.

David Longo, a spokesman for the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, said the agency has been authorized to hire seven more investigators in fiscal year 2004. That agen-

cy, a unit of the U.S. Department of Transportation, "believes the additional investigators will significantly increase enforcement activity," Longo wrote in an e-mail response to a Newsway query.

The federal agency offers information about interstate moves and movers.

Call 888-368-7238, or go to www.fmcsa.dot.gov/factsheets/moving.htm.

The American Moving and Storage Association, a trade group, also has a Web site that includes advice for consumers: www.moving.org.

KEY DEFENSE STOCKS

Name	NYSE	PE	52-week	YTD
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Alliant Technology	80	16.48	-14	+13.4
Aradigm	80	22	-14	-14
Boeing	80	22	-14	-14
General Dynamics	80	22	-14	-14
General Motors	80	22	-14	-14
General Electric	80	22	-14	-14
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KEY MUTUAL FUNDS

Name	NYSE	PE	52-week	YTD
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Fidelity Investor	35.37	-8.8	-2	-2
Fidelity Investor	35.37	-8.8	-2	-2
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Fidelity Investor	35.37	-8.8	-2	-2
Fidelity Investor	35.37	-8.8	-2	-2
Fidelity Investor	35.37	-8.8	-2	-2
Fidelity Investor	35.37	-8.8	-2	-2
Fidelity Investor	35.37	-8.8	-2	-2
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PRECIOUS METALS

New York Mercile	
Gold	\$495.60
Silver	\$6.587

INTEREST RATES

Prime rate	4.25
Discount rate	1.25
Federal funds market rate	1.25
3-month bill	1.13
30-year Treasury	1.11

OPINION

U.S. must put Iraq's small arms in its sights

BY RACHEL STOHL

When the United States turned over sovereignty to the new government of Iraq last month, it did so without confronting one of the most pressing problems facing the country: the millions of small arms and light weapons plaguing Iraq's security and threatening its stability. Excluding small arms from the long-term security plan is a deadly mistake.

Since the declared end of major combat operations in May 2003, an average of one American has died every day in Iraq, and more than one-third of these soldiers have been killed by small arms — revolvers, rifles, pistols and the like. Thousands more have been injured and some have been unable to complete their duties because of the level of violence and insecurity fueled by small arms. Moreover, uncounted Iraqi civilians have been killed, wounded, threatened or terrorized by small arms.

While U.S. policy-makers were consumed with finding weapons of mass destruction, mission planners largely ignored the threat of conventional weapons. Reports estimate that Iraq has perhaps the fourth-largest supply of conventional arms in the world. An embedded reporter in Iraq said military sources told him this included "3 million tons of bombs and bullets, millions of AK-47s and other rifles, rocket launchers and mortar tubes, and thousands of more sophisticated arms like ground-to-air missiles." The 2004 edition of the Small Arms Survey estimates that at least 7 million to 8 million small arms have fallen into the hands of Iraqi civilians since the fall of Saddam Hussein last year.

One of the additional challenges in dealing with small arms and light weapons in Iraq is the 2003 U.S. policy that allows Iraqi militias to keep one weapon. Most have chosen to keep an AK-47 for their personal security, but these arms often find their way out of homes and make their way to the black market or are used for crime and violence.

To address these myriad problems, the United States in mid-May undertook an eight-day gun buyback program in Iraq offering amnesty and cash in return for weapons — for instance, \$125 for an AK-47. It distributed about \$350,000 a day to individuals turning in weapons, from ammunition to surface-to-air missiles.

The effectiveness of this type of program, however, is questionable. First, Iraqis are not being required to turn in all their weapons. Second, many are buying weapons on the black market and turning them in to the Americans for a profit. There are even credible reports of Iraqis turning in older weapons in order to buy newer models on the street. And in some places, such as Karbala, U.S. troops ran out of money.

The buyback was a symbolic victory, for some weapons were removed from circulation. But it was an ad hoc and short-term program; it did little to increase overall safety and security, nor did it stymie the black market. Moreover, providing the equivalent of a month's salary or in some cases a year's wages to someone who has illegally possessed weapons no doubt fueled resentment and jealousy and created targets for attacks.

Iraqis would benefit more from community-based weapon-collection programs and



symbolic destruction celebrations. Rather than an individual receiving cash for each weapon turned in, neighborhoods could receive services that benefit the entire group — job training or the building of a post office or soccer field. With good incentives, such programs have worked in other nations. In all cases, the United States must destroy weapons quickly, preferably in a public demonstration, and securely stockpile those that have yet to be destroyed.

On June 22, Marine Gen. Peter Pace, vice chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, told the

House Armed Services Committee that the United States should "expect more violence, not less, in the immediate weeks ahead." Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz told the same committee that the U.S. had "underestimated" the threat from insurgents in Iraq, and that the U.S. military could keep "a significant number" of U.S. troops in Iraq for "years to come." Developing a coherent, long-term strategy for small arms is not only prudent, it is lifesaving.

Rachel Stohl is senior analyst at the Center for Defense Information in Washington. This column first appeared in the Los Angeles Times.

Many GIs are in nations that can defend themselves

BY RYAN MENON

At a congressional hearing July 7, the Army's new vice chief of staff, Gen. Richard A. Cody, answered the rhetorical question of whether U.S. military forces were stretched too thin with a resounding "absolutely."

It doesn't take the genius of Clausewitz to figure out what's obvious: With 135,000 troops assigned to the war in Iraq, 17,000 in Afghanistan, 37,500 in South Korea, 47,000 in Japan and 100,000 in Europe, saying that we are overstretched is putting it mildly. In all, there are 368,900 U.S. troops in 120 countries.

Some drastic steps have been taken or are being contemplated to cope with the pressure.

Nearly 40 percent of the available National Guard and Reserve forces have been tapped for missions in Afghanistan and Iraq.

So-called stop-loss policies have been implemented to prevent soldiers from leaving units that have received orders to deploy. The Pentagon has called up 5,600 soldiers from postactive-duty "retirement." And policy wonks have brought up reinstituting the draft — though, for political reasons, this effort is unlikely to gain footing.

All of our problems in Iraq cannot be blamed on insufficient forces — the reliance on 135,000 troops to wage a counterinsurgency in a country of 25 million people and an area larger than California. It doesn't help that as yet no Iraqi troops with the numerical strength and training to serve as true partners have emerged. As American casualties in Iraq mount, it will be harder to get people to enlist or re-enlist. And for those already engaged in combat, insufficient numbers make the inherent risks of war greater still.

Nor are we likely to see a diminished need for our military's involvement, although the pre-eminent problem of the current war will be not wars among the major powers but rather upheavals within weaker states — ethnic conflicts, failed governments, humanitarian crises and terrorism.

So what is to be done? One obvious step is to avoid military engagement under the rubric of "regime change" absent a clear and present danger. The toppling of the Taliban regime occurred after obvious regime refused to turn over the mastermind behind the 9/11 massacres, met the standard. But the Iraq war, it is evident by now, did not.

Another approach is to reassess the military commitments inherited from the Cold War. What precisely are 100,000 U.S. troops doing in Europe? Against whom is

Europe being defended? And why is the European Union, whose economy and population exceed that of the United States, incapable of meeting its own defense needs now that the days of a war-torn, weak Europe and the specter of German revanchism and Soviet aggression are long gone?

A similar question must be asked in Japan. Against what threat are 47,000 U.S. troops defending that country, which, with a \$3.5 trillion economy, spends barely 1 percent of its GNP on defense, compared with our 3.7 percent? The idea that a self-sufficient Japan would return to the imperialism of the 1930s simply won't wash anymore.

South Korea, too, can wean itself from its current reliance on the United States. True, it faces a real danger from a militarized, dictatorial and mercenary North Korea. But it is also one of the world's fore-

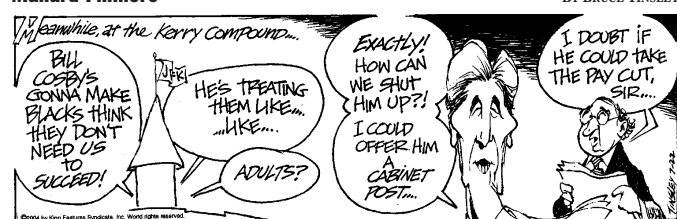
most economic powers, a technological leader and an industrial giant. It has the wealth to purchase or to manufacture all of the weaponry needed for its defense.

The point of such rethinking should not be to revert to isolationism or even to shield military units around. Rather, it should be part of an effort to cut ourselves loose from Cold War conceptions, to take stock of the world we live in now and to make clearheaded choices about where the new dangers lie and how we can best face them.

It's also time that we review what we can afford to do for others, and what they should rightly be encouraged to do for themselves. If we avoid such a recalculation, we will perpetuate outdated strategies, continue to overextend our military and persist in the strategic infantilization of our allies.

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Mallard Fillmore



BY BRUCE TINSLEY

Diamond heist

FL MIAMI — Ten masked gunmen beat and robbed two Israeli salesmen of more than \$800,000 in diamonds during a well-organized daytime robbery at a Miami gas station, police said.

The salesmen had finished pumping gas into their car Thursday morning when their exit was blocked by a Ford Mustang, a pickup and a van. Ten men climbed out of the vehicles holding weapons and wearing masks and surrounded the salesmen's car, Miami police said.

The gunmen took several items, including the cache of diamonds, before escaping.

The New York-based salesmen, identified as Efraim Sade, 39, and Shai Barbi, 30, were traveling around Florida delivering diamonds to businesses.

Official pleads innocent

HI HONOLULU — A city wastewater official has pleaded innocent to theft and bribery charges for allegedly ordering city workers to do work at a private residence on city time and using city resources.

Harry Hauck III and Jay Gonssalves were indicted for an incident between July and August 2001. Both are supervisors at the Kailua Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Hauck pleaded not guilty on Thursday.

Several employees from the Kailua plant alleged they were ordered to install or repair a water sprinkler system on two consecutive weekends at the Kailua home of Gonssalves' mother while on city overtime and using supplies from the city storehouse.

Machete attack charges

MA BOSTON — An East Boston man was ordered held on \$2,000 bail on Friday after pleading innocent at his arraignment to striking another man several times with a machete, severely cutting the victim's head.

Mario Cruz, 46, was arraigned on charges of assault and battery with a dangerous weapon, assault with a dangerous weapon and leaving the scene of an accident for his alleged role in Thursday night's incident.

Police responding to a report of an assault in progress found the victim covered in blood with cuts to his head. He was taken to Massachusetts General Hospital.

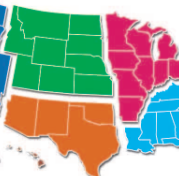
The victim's name has not been released.

A witness told police that the suspect hit the victim several times in the head with a machete, then used a baseball bat to threaten two people trying to help the victim, according to the Suffolk district attorney's office.

Gilts means free drugs

MN MINNEAPOLIS — A health maintenance organization is still trying to calculate its losses after a computer programming glitch told pharmacists to give thousands of Minnesota retirees free generic prescriptions.

Retirees accepted the freebie for several days before a retired



AMERICAN ROUNDUP

school librarian pointed out the error.

The problem started when Medicare Health Plans gave a one-time offer to any of the 3,501 seniors enrolled in its Medicare-supplement insurance plan, Medica Prime Solution, who also had purchased a prescription drug rider. Starting July 1, Medica agreed to pay for those switching from 21 brand-name drugs to generics.

But with the retirees, a computer programming error mistakenly assured pharmacists that all 28,261 enrollees in Prime Solution qualified for the free generic drugs.

Not really obscene

TX CLEBURNE — An obscenity charge has been dropped against a woman who received nationwide attention when she was arrested for selling two sex toys to undercover police officers posing as a couple.

A judge dismissed the case against Joanne Webb, Johnson County Attorney Bill Moore said Friday in a statement. He said he asked the judge for the dismissal to prevent wasting county resources, but didn't say when the dismissal occurred.

Webb, a former fifth-grade teacher, started selling erotic toys and other adult products last year.

The Passion Parties Inc. consultant hosts what she calls Tupperware-type parties for suburban



More the terrier

Robert Skipworth of El Paso, Texas, walks the family dogs, from left, Mollie, Gordon, Mizzie, Maggie and Chelsea. Skipworth says he walks the bunch every Sunday morning. The white dogs are West Highland terriers and the black ones are Scottish terriers.

housewives who feel more comfortable buying marital aids in a private home than at an adult bookstore or on the Internet.

Webb was arrested Nov. 13, about a month after the undercover officers approached her at her husband's business in Burleson, about 10 miles south of Fort Worth, and bought two products. Had she been convicted of violating Texas' obscenity law, she could have been sentenced to a year in jail.

Clearly not an accident

WI TOWN OF WAUKESHA — A prankster tightly wound plastic wrap around traffic poles across a two-lane road, causing a motorcycle accident that injured two people.

Daniel Buckel and his girlfriend, Theresa Brzykcy, were riding south of Waukesha on Tuesday when their motorcycle crashed into the plastic wrap set up about 3 feet to 4 feet above the road — wound thickly from traffic poles on opposite sides.

Buckel, 22, was within 10 feet when he saw the makeshift barricade and hit the brakes.

Buckel was cut above his eye and broke his finger. Brzykcy also suffered scrapes and bruises.

Buckel is offering a \$1,000 reward for information leading to a conviction.

Felonious flowers

NJ CLIFTON — Police said they uncovered a ring of heroin smugglers who saturated cardboard flower boxes with \$1 million worth of a liquid form of the drug.

After flying the rose-packed boxes into Kennedy International Airport, the smuggler would have extracted the heroin from the cardboard and sold it, authorities said.

"How suspicious are you going to be of boxed flowers?" police Detective Sgt. Patrick Ciser said Thursday.

Two New Jersey men from Colombia, Juan Cortez Arias and John Rivera, were arrested Tuesday and charged with drug offenses. They were being held without bail. Federal authorities were still investigating.

The flowers were shipped from Ecuador; the heroin may have come from Colombia, said Capt. Robert Rowan.

Kindness not repaid

CA CONCORD — Justo Ramirez had a soft spot for the needy.

According to friends, the former San Francisco garbage man was particularly generous with a drifter he allowed to live at his apartment complex and eat at his small taqueria across the street in exchange for doing odd jobs.

But police said that Ramirez, 53, was stabbed to death by the man he had helped, 38-year-old Aurelio Diaz, after refusing to give him a small amount of money.

Ramirez died on the floor of his newly opened restaurant, Don Justo, as his girlfriend screamed for help. Diaz fled but was soon arrested, police said.

Friends said the dispute was over \$25.



Dragon flies

Paul English Azuf's dragon balloon sails over Angel Fire, N.M., on Saturday during the Wings Over Angel Fire Balloon and Air Show.



Divine protection

A lightning bolt dances across the sky over West Normandy Baptist Church in Jacksonville, Fla., on Friday. The church was not struck by the bolt as a storm moved through the area.



They call me Baby Driver

Cameron Smith, 10, drives his remote control H2 Hummer past classic cars at the Fort Bragg Custom Car and Motorcycle show at Smith Lake on Saturday in Fayetteville, N.C.



Future Olympian

Patsy Elder, 2, swims in the 5-and-under girls heat of the 25-yard freestyle race at a meet at Mountain Brook Swim and Tennis in Irondale, Ala. Patsy swims competitively for the Mountain Brook Swim and Tennis swim team, which is coached by her father, Cal Elder. Patsy swam the 25-yard freestyle in 1:31.60 to take third place in her heat.



Moving day

A two-story Victorian house in Hartford, Conn., was moved Sunday to make way for a new parking lot for insurance giant Aetna. The company helped defray the \$50,000 moving cost and donated the house to a group that promotes home ownership in the city. The house will be restored and sold as a single-family home.



A winery and thou

An unidentified couple lunches at the Millbrook Vineyard & Winery in Millbrook, N.Y. The winery attracts 15,000 to 20,000 tourists a year.

What a load of bull

NE MADISON — Are Nebraskaans ready for bull fries? Jackie Williams, of Valentine, is the proprietor of the portable Potato Hut at this year's Madison County Fair and Rodeo. She says even when people find out what the fries really are — bulls' testicles — nine out of 10 fair-goers still want to do a taste test.

True bull-fry lovers can go for a whopping half-pound, 10-piece serving of bull fries included on the menu of the Potato Hut, which Williams co-owns and runs with her husband, Dustin.

And there's more than just novelty to the fries, according to Williams.

"Bull fries are all beef and one of the leanest meats on the market," Williams said. "They're 100 percent cholesterol-free."

Sheepish about selling

IL CHAMPAIGN — It's a little smelly after 89 years of housing sheep, but for anyone intrigued by turning old barns into stylish homes, the University of Illinois has a one-of-a-kind offer.

The school is moving its South Farms agricultural facilities, but it won't be taking along the 1915 sheep barn with its unique gambrel roof.

Rather than demolish it, the university and the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency are offering to donate the barn to someone willing to move and rebuild it.

The 90-foot-by-35-foot barn has housed only sheep since 1915, so it stinks a little, admitted Kevin Duff, a UI planner. But it is in good structural shape, and the gambrel roof makes the building an architectural wonder.

The university is taking proposals until Aug. 11 from anyone willing to take the barn down by mid-September and move it to another location, Duff said.

Don't blame the cooks

NC LEXINGTON — Barbecue apparently is not to blame for the polluted air in Davidson County.

Local officials complained after the county was found not to be meeting federal standards for fine particle pollution, saying the location of a monitoring device near a barbecue restaurant and railroad crossing could be to blame.

The state added two air quality monitoring devices in other locations. Tim Mather, spokesman for the Division of Air Quality, said Friday that initial readings show even air that is far away from barbecue joints is too dirty.

Mather said particulate matter in the air could be from a large railroad switchyard in a neighboring county and large power plants in surrounding counties. He also said the area could be getting pollution from Charlotte on prevailing southwinds.

Cremation mystery

VT BRATTLEBORO — Thirty years after Ray Smith's remains were cremated in Massachusetts, his ashes have shown up at a local cemetery.

"We're just trying to find out where Ray's been for the past 30 years," said Brattleboro Police Capt. Steven Rowell.

The ashes were found Thursday

when officials unlocked the cemetery gate. They were in a cardboard box, inside was a death certificate for Smith, who was born in Dover and whose family had a plot at the cemetery.

Smith died in 1974 at the age of 86. Following his death, a service for Smith was held at the now-defunct Allen Funeral Home in Malden, Mass., said Rowell. Smith's body was then taken to the Woodlawn Crematorium in Everett, Mass. His remains were later picked up by an unidentified party.

Investigators don't know where Smith's remains went after his cremation, Rowell said.

Wrong blood type used

FL SARASOTA — A patient died after receiving the wrong blood type during a transfusion, but hospital officials said it has not been determined whether the mistake killed her.

"It was a medication error, but we don't know if it was the cause of death," said Dr. Duncan Finlay, chief executive of Sarasota Memorial Hospital. He blamed the mistake on a mislabeled sample.

The woman died late last month, about a day after the transfusion, but the hospital has not released her name, age or her condition.

Hospital spokesman Mike Vizaray said an internal investigation was continuing, but administrators have not taken action against anyone involved. The state also will investigate.

Ticket scam uncovered

NY NEW YORK — A federal airport screening has been charged with stealing more than \$55,000 in a ticketing scheme by charging passengers adult fares but reporting them as lower infant prices and pocketing the difference, prosecutors said.

Laura Chico-Moreira, 37, of Ozone Park, Queens, allegedly operated the scheme while working as an independent travel agent for XLE Tours. Chico-Moreira is also an agent for the Transportation Security Administration.

She was charged with grand larceny and falsifying the business records of Grupo Aca Airlines, a Miami-based airline that serves South and Central America, between December 2002 and June 2003, U.S. District Attorney Richard Brown said Thursday.

Brown said Chico-Moreira sold dozens of full-fare adult tickets to her customers but reported to the airline that the tickets had been booked for infants.

Pit bull kills infant

TX NACOGDOCHES — An 8-month-old boy was attacked and killed Thursday by his grandmother's pit bull, police said.

Jordan Lee Parker died of massive head injuries at the family's home, said Nacogdoches County Sheriff Thomas Kerss.

The pit bull, which had no history of aggressive behavior, had been tussling with another pet, a smaller terrier, when it attacked the boy, Kerss said.

He said the boy's grandmother was trying to separate the animals when the dog grabbed the child by the head. Kerss said the dog freed the child within seconds, but Jordan was dead by the time authorities arrived.

Photos and stories from wire services

Horoscope

The sun enters Leo, the sign of drama, passion, generosity and childlike bravado. You'll feel the fire-sign energy swell — there's so much to do in only a few hours, but somehow, the impossible seems possible. Go with the bright, almost overzealous impulse to please. Everyone is trying to impress, so the extra effort will be enduring.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY

(July 22) You're pushing yourself to do more than ever this year, and as a result, you will finally feel that you're ahead of the game. Place a high price on your services now, or ask for a raise — you'll be paid what you request. Seize the opportunity to travel in September, and you'll probably need a passport! Singles find love at reunions or through old friends.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You won't get through all of things you wanted to do today, but there's no need to punish yourself or get dramatic. The truth is that you consistently set your goals higher than you know you can achieve.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You're perpetually striving to make your work more effective and relevant. Your style of accomplishing this is different from that of those just above you. Meld with the current flow. Casual interviews help you see the whole picture.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21) You're focused on and affected by your surroundings. It seems you can't always choose them (or can you?), but you can choose how you deal with them. A gentle but firm approach prevents you from oversteering your time.

CANCER (June 22-July 22) You'll be feeling sentimental but are better off cutting attachments to the past. You can move forward easily if you decide to embrace what's new. The more ambitious a project, the more likely you are to accomplish it.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Feeling creatively blocked? There are ways around it. Try to see your work as a rational, purposeful activity that you

control instead of some invisible influence that magically moves through you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Planets are challenging your ability to remain serene in the face of temptation. You may struggle with your own compulsive behaviors, but in this struggle, you are perfecting your habits. With consistent effort, you will prevail.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) You've got uncommon talents, so encourage them. You'll know you're making progress when people of your opinions and interests — and it feels wonderful to be accepted by the group.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21) Don't be shy — get into the center of things! The closer you are to the meat of the matter, the more you'll understand the truth of what's going on, and the more effective you'll be. Friends want to rise to your standard.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) The lines that define different kinds of love get blurry. You might find yourself asking why you've set up so many restrictions in relationships. Maybe it suddenly seems just fine to be friends with your ex-love.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You'll be amazed how many people really believe in your ability — but it's not amazing at all. Work on fortifying your own belief in what you do. Meanwhile, the world seems to expect you to create on demand.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Competition is a tremendous motivator. But treats and fun can also be effective motivators! Socialize, and make contacts that can help your financial future. Attendance at a social function begins a popularity cycle.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Optimism is in short supply, so if you've got it, share it with everyone around! Luck comes when you reach out to people who are very different from you. Happiness is learning about someone else's culture and trying things their way.

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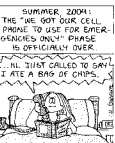
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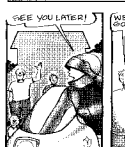
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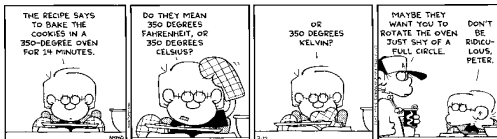
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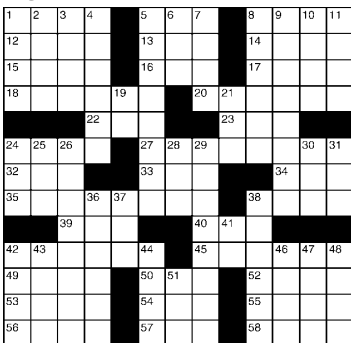
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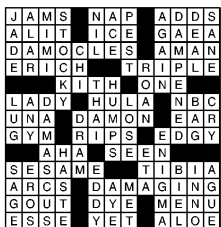
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- 5 Stashed
- 8 Urban legend
- 12 Risque
- 13 Prior night
- 14 Silver salmon
- 15 Covering
- 16 Reuben holder
- 17 "Where America's Day Begins"
- 18 Cereal enhancer
- 20 "Tuesdays With —"
- 22 Scale member
- 23 Evisced
- 24 Charitable donation
- 27 Some metal crafting
- 32 Tarzan's son
- 33 A/C meas.
- 34 Born
- 35 Provider
- 38 Pre-swam
- 39 Shaft of light
- 40 Short flight
- 42 Didn't withhold
- 45 Unilateral
- 49 "Airplane!" actor Robert
- 50 Tulsa sch.
- 52 Exploding star
- 53 Sheltered
- 54 Affront (Sl.)
- 55 Let slip
- 56 Information
- 57 Keatsian verse

Down

- 1 Grouch
- 2 —tat-tat
- 3 Object of worship
- 4 Get around
- 5 1989 Tom Selleck movie
- 6 Wall climber
- 7 Consider
- 8 Dr. Phil
- 9 Elton John's first Top-10 hit
- 10 Siamese
- 11 Basenurmer's goal
- 13 "How could you even ask such a thing?!"
- 21 On one's — (independent)
- 24 Six-pack muscles
- 25 Bud's partner
- 26 Platters hit
- 28 Hwy.
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- 30 Prot. or Cath.
- 31 Indispensable
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- 37 Caustic solution
- 38 Overturns
- 41 Performing
- 42 "Pygmalion" playwright
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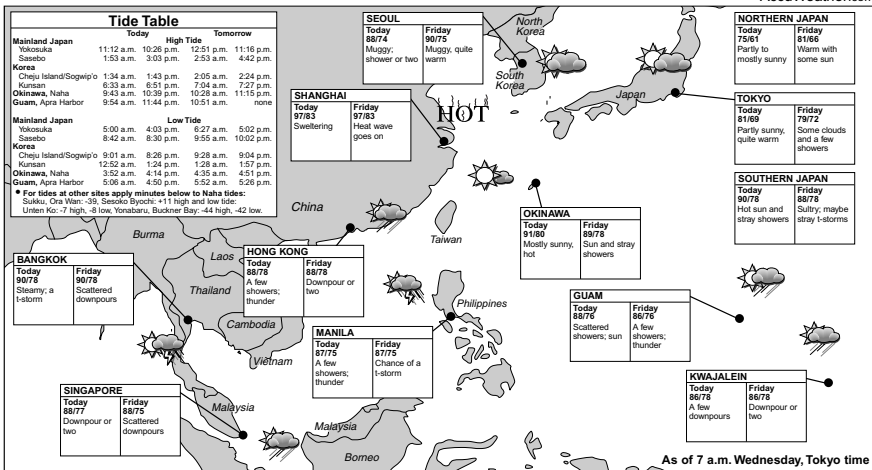
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Today's Cryptoquip Clue: C equals R

The Pacific Forecast

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Extended Forecasts

TOKYO

Saturday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 84, low 76.
Sunday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 86, low 75.

KADENA

Saturday: Showers, high 89, low 78.
Sunday: Partly sunny, high 91, low 80.

SEoul

Saturday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 89, low 73.
Sunday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 89, low 74.

MANILA

Saturday: Thundershowers, high 89, low 75.
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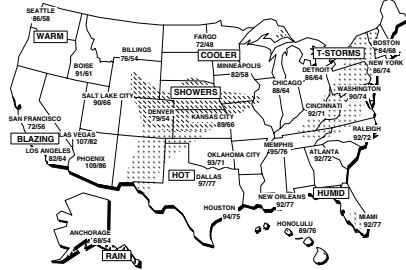
HAGATNA

Saturday: Showers, high 88, low 78.
Sunday: Showers, high 88, low 78.

Tuesday's USA Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Albuquerque	93/68	Los Angeles	89/66
Anchorage	96/67	Little Rock	93/71
Baltimore	88/66	Louisville	90/72
Birmingham	91/70	Miami	90/75
Bismarck	95/66	Milwaukee	82/69
Boise	90/62	Nashville	91/70
Boston	84/68	New York	86/72
Brownsville	98/77	Omaha	96/75
Buffalo	79/64	Orlando	86/74
Burlington	84/62	Philadelphia	87/70
Charleston, SC	91/72	Phoenix	110/89
Charlotte	91/66	Pittsburgh	83/64
Cleveland	85/66	Portland, OR	80/60
Columbus, OH	88/68	Portland, ME	78/60
Dallas	77/62	Salt Lake City	93/69
El Paso	97/74	St. Louis	93/76
Hartford	87/65	Tampa	98/74
Helsinki	83/56	San Diego	79/68
Indianapolis	87/70	San Juan	98/76
Jacksonville	93/71	Tampa	98/76
Kansas City	97/76	Tulsa	98/77
		Washington	89/71
		Wichita	102/75

Thursday, July 22



U.S. Extended Forecast

A cold front extending southwestward from a storm in southeastern Canada will lead to showers and thundershowers through the Northeast into the southern Great Lakes, central Plains and central Rockies Thursday. To the south of this front, it will be very warm with varied amounts of sun. Scattered showers and thundershowers will develop again over the southern Rockies while the rest of the West remains dry under sun Thursday. Friday into Saturday, a stronger cold front moving southwest will enter the Plains Thursday night and continue into the Northeast and Ohio Valley by Saturday. This will mark a quick change for the region for a few days.

Thursday's Pacific Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Bangkok	90/75	Iwakuni	93/76	Sasebo NB	89/77	Acapulco	90/75
Beijing	91/77	Kadena AB	75/61	Sapporo	75/61	Athens	90/72
Campo Casey	89/75	Kusan AB	80/77	Seoul	89/74	Buenos Aires	63/55
Christchurch	41/27	Kwajalein	86/78	Shanghai	97/83	Auckland	53/41
Diego Garcia	83/73	Manila	87/75	Singapore	88/77	Baghdad	115/64
Hagafeta	84/76	Misawa AB	78/62	Sydney	59/43	Barbados	89/73
Hanoi	82/74	Osaka	88/76	Taipei	92/76	Barcelona	33/72
Hong Kong	88/78	Perth	64/45	Tokyo	91/75	Berlin	78/63
Honolulu	89/76	Pusan	85/75			Bermuda	87/75
						Brussels	80/57

Thursday's World Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Bangkok	90/75	Iwakuni	93/76	Sasebo NB	89/77	Acapulco	90/75
Beijing	91/77	Kadena AB	75/61	Sapporo	75/61	Athens	90/72
Campo Casey	89/75	Kusan AB	80/77	Seoul	89/74	Buenos Aires	63/55
Christchurch	41/27	Kwajalein	86/78	Shanghai	97/83	Auckland	53/41
Diego Garcia	83/73	Manila	87/75	Singapore	88/77	Baghdad	115/64
Hagafeta	84/76	Misawa AB	78/62	Sydney	59/43	Barbados	89/73
Hanoi	82/74	Osaka	88/76	Taipei	92/76	Barcelona	33/72
Hong Kong	88/78	Perth	64/45	Tokyo	91/75	Berlin	78/63
Honolulu	89/76	Pusan	85/75			Bermuda	87/75
						Brussels	80/57



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Peak: Armstrong's stage win might have locked up Tour

PEAK, FROM BACK PAGE

Armstrong earned bonus seconds for winning the stage, extending his lead on second-place Basso to 1 minute, 25 seconds. If he can hold that advantage for two more days in the Alps and in a time trial on Saturday, Armstrong will pedal into the history books when the three-week cycling marathon ends on the crowd-packed Champs-Élysées in Paris on Sunday.

Armstrong said his team manager, Johan Bruyneel, was yelling into his radio-linked earpiece that he had to beat Basso.

"Johan was screaming in my ear that I had to win because of the time bonuses," Armstrong said. "Every second counts."

Kloden is third overall, 3:22 off Armstrong's pace. Voeckler dropped to eighth, 9:28 behind Armstrong.

As overall leader, Armstrong will get the privilege of starting



Actor Robin Williams, right, jokes with Armstrong during his visit to the team bus prior to the 15th stage of the Tour de France on Tuesday.

last for Wednesday's time trial. For the first time, the race against the clock is on the brutal ascent to the L'Alpe d'Huez ski station, a Mecca of cycling with 21 rhythm-destroying hairpin bends.

Starting last is the equivalent of pole position, allowing Armstrong to see how other riders—notably Basso—fare on the ascent.

"There was still a part of me that wanted to ride a legendary

mountain like L'Alpe d'Huez in the yellow jersey," Armstrong said, who added that he expects Basso will be "tough to beat" on the ascent. But "I have the good fortune of starting behind him, so I'll know his time splits all the way up, which is a big advantage," Armstrong said.

Fans have been camping out for days along the Alpine climb. The town, which usually has a population of 1,500 people, is expecting up to 1 million to converge on the mountain for the cycling spectacle.

More star power

A million people bunched together? That's more like Woodstock than a cycle race.

"Oh God! It's Bikesstock!" actor Robin Williams said, comparing it to the legendary Woodstock rock concert of 1969—which attracted hundreds of thousands of music fans.

Williams, star of "Good Will

Hunting," "Good Morning Vietnam" and other movies, joins rock star Sheryl Crow, and Prince Albert of Monaco as the latest celebrity guest invited by Lance Armstrong during the three-week race.

Speaking after Armstrong won Tuesday's 15th stage, Williams could not hide his excitement about L'Alpe d'Huez.

"An uphill time trial, the crowds are wild," he said. Asked if he'd like to ride the stage himself, Williams added: "I'd love to ... if I could find a bike."

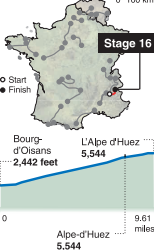
91st TOUR DE FRANCE

Racing the clock

Bourg-d'Oisans to L'Alpe d'Huez mountain stage is a short individual time trial with a grade of 7.9 percent.

Stage 16

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Stage winners

July 3 — Prologue, Liege, Belgium to Liege: individual time trial, 3.79 miles (Fabian Cancellara, Switzerland; Cancellara)

July 4 — Stage 1, Liege, Belgium to Charleroi, Belgium, 125.5 (Sean Kristou, Estonia; Cancellara)

July 5 — Stage 2, Charleroi, Belgium to Namur, Belgium, 122.42 (Robbie McEwen, Australia; Thor Hushovd, Norway)

July 6 — Stage 3, Waterloo, Belgium to Wavreham, France, 139.48 (Jean-François Nazon, France; McEwen)

July 7 — Stage 4, Cambrai to Arras, team time trial, 40.08 (U.S. Postal Service; Lance Armstrong, United States)

July 8 — Stage 5, Amiens to Chartres, 124.50 (Stuart O'Grady, Australia; Thomas Voeckler, France)

July 9 — Stage 6, Bonneval to Angers, 121.79 (Cristian Bionini, Belgium; Voeckler)

July 10 — Stage 7, Chateaubriant to Saint-Brieuc, 127.06 (Filippo Pozzato, Italy; Voeckler)

July 11 — Stage 8, Lamballe to Quimper, 104.40 (Hushovd; Voeckler)

July 12 — Best day in Limoges

July 13 — Stage 9, Saint-Leonard-de-Noblat to Garet, 95.73 (McEwen; Voeckler)

July 14 — Stage 10, Limoges to Saint-Flour, 147.27 (Richard Virenque, France; Voeckler)

July 15 — Stage 11, Saint-Flour to Rignac, 101.91 (David Moncoutre, France; Voeckler)

July 16 — Stage 12, Castelsarrasin to La Mongie, 122.73 (Ivan Basso, Italy; Voeckler)

July 17 — Stage 13, Lannemezan to Plateau de Beille, 127.70 (Armstrong; Voeckler)

July 18 — Stage 14, Carcassonne to Nîmes, 118.42 (Aitor Gonzalez, Spain; Voeckler)

July 19 — Best day in Nîmes

July 20 — Stage 15, Valreus to Villars-Clermont, 112.18 (Armstrong; Armstrong)

July 21 — Stage 16, Bourg-d'Oisans to L'Alpe d'Huez, individual time trial, 9.61

July 22 — Stage 17, Bourg-d'Oisans to Le Grand Bornand, 127.08

July 23 — Stage 18, Annemasse to Annecy, 101.46

July 24 — Stage 19, Besancon to Besancon, 101.46

July 25 — Stage 20, Montreaux to Paris, Champs-Élysées, 101.29

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Seattle Mariners' Bret Boone (29) is greeted at home after hitting a grand slam against the Boston Red Sox in the 11th inning in Seattle on Monday. The Mariners, who trailed 4-2 in the ninth inning, won 8-4.

Another Boone burns Red Sox

Aaron's brother Bret hits grand slam in 11th for Seattle

BY JIM COUR
The Associated Press

SEATTLE — The Boston Red Sox had a chance to gain ground on the New York Yankees in the AL East. Instead, they were beaten by another Boone.

Bret Boone hit a grand slam in the 11th inning, lifting the Seattle Mariners to an 8-4 victory over the Red Sox on Monday night. Last season, his brother, Aaron Boone, homered in the 11th inning against Boston in Game 7 of the AL championship series to put the Yankees in the World Series.

The Mariners tied it with one out in the ninth behind consecutive home runs from Miguel Olivo and Edgar Martinez.

"It's the worst game we've played all year," the Red Sox's Johnny Damon said.

The Red Sox remained seven games behind the Yankees, 9-7 losers in Tampa Bay, in the AL East.

"This is a bad feeling," Damon said. "We shouldn't have been in this situation. We were just awful. There isn't much more you can

say about it. Every game is important for us. We had a chance to pick up a game on the Yankees today and let it slip through our fingers."

Boone hit his fifth career grand slam on an 0-1 count from Curtis Leskanen (1-5), the fifth Boston pitcher, a 392-foot shot into the Seattle bullpen in left field. The Mariners loaded the bases on a single by Olivo and walks to Dave Hansen and Randy Winn.

Winn's walk was intentional. Boone, hitting a paltry .233 when the day began, was 2-for-6 with six RBIs. His grand slam was the Mariners' first of the season.

The last-place Mariners won their second straight game, but are 21 games under .500 and are 17½ games out of first place in the AL West. They've divested themselves of veterans John Olerud and Rich Aurilia this month.

Boone didn't fault the Red Sox for walking Winn intentionally to try to get him to hit into a double play.

"With the struggles I've had this season, you can't blame

them," he said. "It was a great win."

Mike Myers (4-1), the fifth Seattle pitcher, got the final out of the 11th.

The Red Sox were 44-0 in games in which they led after the eighth.

The Mariners sent the game into extra innings in the ninth when Olivo and Edgar Martinez homered off closer Keith Foulke with one out in the ninth. Foulke blew his fifth save in 19 opportunities and his fourth save in his last six chances since June 12.

Olivo's homer to left was his first in five games with the Mariners since being acquired in a trade with the Chicago White Sox for Freddy Garcia June 27. The pinch-hitting Martinez homered 395 feet to center.

Jason Varitek went 2-for-4 with four RBIs, including a tiebreaking three-run homer in the eighth that put the Red Sox ahead 4-1.

Bronson Arroyo gave up one run and struck out a season-high 12 in eight innings for Boston.

Ron Villone pitched six strong innings, but the Red Sox came back against the Mariners' bullpen.

Sheffield, Contreras push Yanks past Rays

The Associated Press

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Gary Sheffield hit his 397th homer and drove in three runs Tuesday, leading Jose Contreras and the New York Yankees to a 4-2 victory over the Tampa Bay Devil Rays.

Derek Jeter left the game in the eighth after getting hit on his right hand by a pitch from Victor Zambrano two innings earlier.

There were no immediate details about the injury.

Contreras (8-3) allowed two runs and four hits in seven innings to beat Zambrano (9-6) for the second time in 12 days.

Contreras' Tampa Bay right-hander's bid to become the first pitcher to beat the Yankees four times in a season since California's Chuck Finley in 1993.

All-Star relievers Tom Gordon and Mariano Rivera finished, with Rivera getting three outs for his AL-leading 34th save in 35 chances.

Rivera has converted 22 save opportunities in a row, the longest streak in the majors this season. His 31st save moved him within one of Rick Aguilera for 10th place on the career list. Rivera is 32-for-32 lifetime against Tampa Bay.

Contreras walked two and struck out three to win his fourth straight decision since being reunited with his wife and children from Cuba last month. He beat Zambrano and the Devil Rays at Yankee Stadium on July 8, and Tuesday's victory gave New York a split of the two-game series.

Elsewhere in the AL Tuesday: **Orioles 12, Royals 3:** Karim Garcia opened his second stint with Baltimore with two home runs and five RBIs, and the Orioles tied a club record with 11 extra-base hits in a victory at Kansas City.

Garcia, acquired Monday from the New York Mets for reliever Mike DeJean, was 0-for-16 in eight games for the Orioles in 2000.

The Orioles hit five home runs, a season high, and six doubles.

Miguel Tejada, Larry Bigbie and Robert Machado also homered, and Bigbie and Machado also had one double each.

In Monday's AL games:

Devil Rays 9, Yankees 7: Aubrey Huff and Robert Fick drove in two runs each, and Tampa Bay hung on for a win at Tropicana Field after taking a five-run lead in the first.

Geoff Blum's RBI single off Tanyon Sturtze (3-2) snapped a 5-all tie in the sixth.

Twins 3, Tigers 1: Pinch-hitter Jose Offerman's two-run single in the seventh led visiting Minnesota to its second win in eight games.

Terry Mulholland (2-3) gave up one run on four hits in 6½ innings, improving to 2-0 in three starts since moving into the rotation earlier this month.

Mulholland joined the New York Mets' Al Leiter and the Yankees' Kevin Brown as the only pitchers to beat all 30 teams.

Orioles 7, Royals 4: Sidney Ponson (4-12) gave up two runs in six innings to end his nine-game losing streak.

Javy Lopez had three hits and two RBIs for the Orioles, and Miguel Tejada hit his 16th homer, a two-run shot.

Brian Anderson (1-9) lost his ninth straight start, a Royals' club record set by Jeff Suppan in 2002.

Athletics 5, Blue Jays 3: Josh Towers (4-3) gave up two runs in 7½ innings. Vernon Wells homered in a four-run fourth and visiting Toronto snapped its season-high, six-game losing streak.

Jason Frasor allowed a leadoff homer in the ninth to Erubiel Durazo before finishing for his 10th save.

The Blue Jays batted around in the fourth inning when they scored four runs on six hits and chased Kirk Saarloos (1-1).

Indians 8, Angels 5 (10): Travis Hafner hit his second homer of the game — a three-run shot in the 10th inning — and drove in a career-high five runs to lead Cleveland at Angel Stadium.

David Eckstein's two-out error on a routine grounder by Matt Lawton set the stage for Hafner's game-winning homer off Troy Percival (2-2).

White Sox 12, Rangers 6: Carl Everett homered for visiting Chicago a day after he rejoined the White Sox in a trade.

Everett was the designated hitter and went 2-for-5 with a walk. Mark Teixeira homered in his fifth straight game to tie a Texas club record.

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Braves back in a familiar position

Atlanta tops Philadelphia to take lead in NL East

By PAUL NEWBERRY
The Associated Press

ATLANTA — The Atlanta Braves have finally made it back to a familiar position.

Winners of 12 straight division titles, the Braves gained sole possession of first place in the NL East for the first time this season with a 4-2 victory over the Philadelphia Phillies on Monday night.

Mike Hampton gave up two runs and five hits in seven innings, and Atlanta's defense made several spectacular plays, including shortstop Rafael Furcal's leaping catch of David Bell's liner to end the game. Bell slung away his bat in frustration, nearly hitting home plate umpire Tim Timmons.

The Braves won for the 16th time in 20 games, breaking a tie with the Phillies for the top spot.

"They smell blood every time they take the field," said Philadelphia manager Larry Bow, his team falling out of the division lead for the first time since June 27. "They don't win by accident."

Despite their impressive pedigree, it's a little surprising to find the Braves in this position. After all, they went through a major salary purge during the offseason, losing Gary Sheffield, Greg Maddux and Vinny Castilla.

The Phillies and World Series champion



Atlanta's Marcus Giles (left) gets hold of Philadelphia shortstop Jimmy Rollins on Monday to try to prevent a double play. The Phillies fell out of first place for the first time since June 27.

Florida Marlins were supposed to be the new powers in the East, but it appears that first in this division still goes through a familiar place — Atlanta.

"The goal is to be in first when the whole season is completed," manager Bobby Cox said. "We'll try to stay there."

Adam LaRoche, Andruw Jones, Charles Thomas and Chipper Jones drove in runs for the Braves, while Hampton (5-8) won for the fourth time in five starts.

Jimmy Rollins led off the game with a double and scored on Bobby Abreu's groundout.

Hampton has given up 19 runs in the first — more than any other inning — but he quickly settled down. The Phillies managed only one hit the next five innings, a stretch of domination that ended with Jim Thome's monstrous homer over the center-field fence leading off the seventh.

The Phillies threatened to get back in the game when Jason Michaels walked and Bell followed with a single, putting runners at first and second with one out. But Mike Lieberthal hit into an inning-ending double play, which

began with Chipper Jones fielding a tricky pop at third base.

On the mound, Hampton punched his fist and let out a yell as he watched the ball go around the horn.

"I was real excited about it," Hampton said. "It gave me a lot of confidence for Bobby [Cox] to stay with me in that position."

John Smoltz went the rest of the way for his second two-inning game of the season. He struck out four and had to get the final out twice — Ricky Ledee struck out but reached on a passed ball, putting runners at first and third in the ninth.

Bell hit a liner that appeared headed for left field, but Furcal stretched out to make a leaping catch that ended the game. Smoltz knuckled on the mound and pumped his fist, favoring his 18th save in 20 chances.

"I thought it was a base hit," he said.

Phillies starter Paul Abbott lasted only 4 1/2 innings and dropped to 0-4 since joining Philadelphia. He started the season with Tampa Bay, going 2-5 before his release on June 3.

"It is definitely frustrating," Abbott said. "How can it not be?"

Arizona's Gonzalez out for season

The Associated Press

PHOENIX — Arizona slugger Luis Gonzalez will have season-ending ligament replacement surgery in early August, but is expected to return to the Diamondbacks next spring.

The left fielder will fall to drive in 100 runs in six consecutive seasons. He has played all year with a partially torn right collateral ligament in his right elbow, feeling pain on every throw. The ligament connects bones in the upper and lower arm.

Head trainer Paul Lessard said it was possible for position players to recover from the operation within four to six months, compared with 12 to 16 for pitchers.

Jays' Halladay shut down

OAKLAND, Calif. — Toronto Blue Jays right-hander Roy Halladay will miss four to six weeks because of a tired arm.

The American League Cy Young winner was examined Monday by Dr. James Andrews. Toronto General Manager J.P. Ricciardi said Monday there was no structural damage to Halladay's shoulder. He said Halladay (7-7, 4.35 ERA) would be evaluated in two weeks.

Twins' Mauer returns to DL

MINNEAPOLIS — Minnesota Twins catcher Joe Mauer was placed on the 15-day disabled list Monday with a sore left knee, his second trip to the DL this season. Mauer, eligible to be activated on July 31, missed seven weeks after tearing knee cartilage in the second game of the season.

Padres acquire IF Aurilia

SEATTLE — The San Diego Padres added some infield depth, getting Rich Aurilia from the Seattle Mariners on Monday for a player to be named or cash.

Signed as a free agent in January, Aurilia, 32, hit 241 with four home runs and 28 RBIs in his first year in the AL.

Reds put Laron on DL

CINCINNATI — Brandon Laron went on the 15-day disabled list with a strained hamstring on Monday, the third time that the Cincinnati Reds' third baseman has been hurt this season.

Laron pulled his left hamstring while running on Saturday.

Astros demote Duckworth

HOUSTON — The Houston Astros sent right-handed pitcher Brandon Duckworth to Class AAA New Orleans on Tuesday on the heels of his latest ineffective start. The demotion pits former Chad Qualls to take his place.

Mets trade Karim for O's

NEW YORK — Hoping to bolster the lineup, the New York Mets traded outfielder Karim Garcia to the Baltimore Orioles for reliever Mike DeJean on Monday.

Pujols' three HRs lifts Cards over Cubs

The Associated Press

CHICAGO — Albert Pujols hit his third homer of the game in the ninth inning, a tiebreaking shot that sent the St. Louis Cardinals to an 11-8 comeback victory over Chicago on Tuesday.

Pujols went 5-for-5 with a double and five RBIs, helping St. Louis rally from a six-run deficit in the final meeting of the season between the rivals. The Cards left Wrigley Field with a 10-game lead over the third-place Cubs.

Pujols hit a two-run drive off

Hawkins (2-2), and Reggie Sanders added a solo shot in the three-run ninth as St. Louis roared back after trailing 8-2 after five innings.

Jason Isringhausen got three outs for his 24th save in 28 chances, retiring Aramis Ramirez on a shallow fly with the bases loaded to end it.

In Tuesday's other early NL game:

Reds 6, Brewers 2: Brandon Clausen gave up two runs and five hits in seven innings in his long-awaited NL debut, and Jason Romano's first homer lifted host Cincinnati to a two-game sweep.

In Monday's NL games:

Dodgers 7, Astros 6: With the Dodgers trailing 6-5, Milton Bradley and Shawn Green hit back-to-back home runs off Dan Miceli (3-5) in the top of the eighth to lift Los Angeles to its seventh straight victory and 13th win in 14 games.

Expos 6, Pirates 2: Tormel Sledge drove in two runs with a ground ball just past first base during a four-run seventh inning and Montreal halted Pittsburgh's 10-game home winning streak, the Pirates' longest since winning 24 straight in 1978.

Marlins 6, Mets 5: Pinch-hitter

Lenny Harris delivered a go-ahead single in the bottom of the ninth, spoiling Scott Erickson's bid for his first major league victory in nearly two years.

Miguel Cabrera tied it with an RBI single off closer Braden Lorder (2-2), who gave up four straight hits in the ninth.

Cardinals 5, Cubs 4: At Wrigley Field, Scott Rolen hit a tie-breaking homer in the eighth inning off Carlos Zambrano.

Zambrano (9-5) was ejected in the eighth inning after hitting Jim Edmonds with a pitch right after Rolen's two-run shot — the second time Zambrano hit Edmonds.

Chris Carpenter (10-6) got his fourth victory of the season against the Cubs.

Reds 8, Brewers 4: Wily Mo Pena hit his sixth homer in eight games, and also had a run-scoring single and a double.

Right-hander Aaron Harang (6-2) won his second straight start against the visiting Brewers.

Padres 13, Rockies 6: Ismael Valdes pitched five-plus innings and hit a two-run double, Mark Loretta had four hits and three RBIs, and visiting San Diego set a season high for runs and matched its season high of 18 hits.

Giants 6, Diamondbacks 1: In Phoenix, Brett Tomko (3-5) pitched into the eighth inning, and San Francisco won without Barry Bonds, who sat out after having a renal canal Monday.

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George, Titans seem set to part company

Titans' career rushing leader asks for release after rejecting latest offer

BY TERESA M. WALKER
The Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The Tennessee Titans are trying to figure out what to do with Eddie George. "We want to take our time and make sure everyone involved understands the ramifications of this action," General Manager Floyd Reese said Tuesday in a statement that was the team's first comment about the request by the team's career rushing leader to be released.

"I don't think taking a day or two of reflection for something of this magnitude is a bad thing."

The eight-year veteran asked Monday to be released after rejecting the Titans' last offer to reduce his pay from \$4.25 million to approximately \$1.5 million for the 2004 season. The team needs to clear cap room to sign 13 rookies.

"Basically, we're just talking about taking a straight pay cut," George told The Associated Press on Monday night. "I didn't see the win-win situation. If I'm helping the organization out, I thought they would help me out and have a win-win situation and I would basically make my money up in incentives."

Reese said hearing that request was difficult.

"We want to make sure that at the end of this scenario, we do what is best for both sides and hope to have a resolution in the near future," Reese said.

The four-time Pro Bowl selection wants a quick release because the first NFL training camp opens on July 27, and he needs to start seeking a job immediately.

"I hate to sever the ties here. My first and only option was to finish a Tennessee Titan under fair circumstances. Unfortunately, that's not how I perceive it at this point. I look to move forward in a new situation," George said.

Speculation over George's future with Tennessee began last season about whether the Titans, in deep salary cap trouble, could afford to keep a running back who has never missed a start in his career in an offense that now emphasizes the passing of Steve McNair, the NFL's co-MVP in 2003.

George is only the second NFL running back to rush for 10,000 yards while never missing a start, joining Jim Brown. Only Walter Payton (17) has started more consecutive regular-season games than George's 128.

Last December, George became the 17th running back to

top 10,000 yards. He has 64 touch-downs for the franchise that drafted the 1995 Heisman Trophy winner out of Ohio State 14th overall in April 1996. His best season was in 2000, when he carried 403 times for 1,509 yards, but he has gone downfield from there, averaging less than 4 yards per carry each season.

Tennessee tried to clear salary

cap space in February by reworking George's deal, which has him under contract through 2006. He declined, and the team paid him a \$1 million roster bonus in March.

George, who turns 31 in September, spoke of Tampa Bay, Philadelphia and Dallas as potential options and said he wants to join a team with a chance of winning a Super Bowl.

"It's just going to be a shock now to see the new faces in the locker room, different city, different circumstances. All that being said, it's also exciting what the uncertainty does bring," he said.

If the Titans release George, it would leave them with second-year rusher Chris Brown, veteran Robert Holcombe and rookies Troy Fleming, Vick King and Jarrett Payton at running back.

Champion Patriots sign first-round pick Wilfork

The Associated Press

FOXBORO, Mass. — The New England Patriots on Monday signed nose tackle Vince Wilfork, the 21st overall pick in the draft, to a six-year contract that could be worth more than \$18 million.

Wilfork is the second first-round pick to sign. He will be guaranteed \$6.575 million through 2006, including a \$3 million signing bonus and his salary for 2005-06.

Wilfork, who is listed at 325 pounds, had seven sacks in 2002 and six in 2003 at Miami. He joins a team that allowed the fewest points in the NFL last season (238) and will contend for a starting spot in the defensive line vacated by the departure of veteran Ted Washington.

Jason Babin, who was taken by Houston with the 27th overall pick, is the only other first-round pick who has signed.

Bills reach oral agreement with LB Gildon

BUFFALO, N.Y. — The Buffalo Bills have reached an oral agreement with linebacker Jason Gildon, who was let go by the Pittsburgh Steelers last month.

The one-year deal is believed to be worth between \$1 million and \$1.5 million, and includes a signing bonus of \$500,000, according to The Buffalo News.

Gildon, a three-time Pro

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Bowler with 77 career sacks, is expected to be used as a pass rusher. He will be 32 on July 31.

Tagliabue agrees to new deal

NEW YORK — Paul Tagliabue will remain as NFL commissioner through the end of the 2007 season.

Tagliabue has officially agreed to the new deal, announced last March, to extend his current contract that would have expired after next season, league officials said Monday.

Tagliabue will be 67 when the contract expires — he would have retired at 65 had he stuck to his current deal. The new one is expected to pay him around \$8 million a year, putting him on a level with NBA Commissioner David Stern as the highest paid chief executives in professional sports.

The deal has been approved unanimously by the NFL's 32 owners.

Chiefs sign second-round pick

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Tight end Kris Wilson, a second-round draft choice of the Kansas City Chiefs, has signed a four-year contract with the team.

No contract terms were announced Monday.



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Divac returns Lakers with two-year deal

The Associated Press

EL SEGUNDO, Calif. — Vlade Divac has come full circle to rejoin the Los Angeles Lakers.

The Lakers called an afternoon news conference Tuesday to announce the signing of Divac, who played six seasons for the Sacramento Kings.

The 36-year-old center will fill the spot left vacant when Shaquille O'Neal was traded to Miami last week. Brian Grant, acquired along with Lamar Odom and Caron Butler in that deal, will share duties at center.

The Lakers took Divac with the 26th pick in the 1989 NBA Draft and he spent seven years with

Los Angeles before the Lakers traded him to Charlotte in 1994 for the draft rights to Kobe Bryant.

Divac, an unrestricted free agent, still has a home in Los Angeles. He has agreed to a two-year deal that reportedly will pay him \$4.9 million per next season.

Earlier, he said Sacramento did not show interest in keeping him. The Kings apparently wanted to avoid paying the luxury tax, and did not match the Lakers' offer.

The 7-foot-1 Divac averaged 9.9 points, 5.7 assists and 5.3 assists for Sacramento last season. The revamped Lakers could have a starting lineup of Divac at center, Bryant and Gary Payton at guard, Odom at small forward and — if he decides to return for another year — Karl Malone at power forward.

76ers trade Snow to Cavs

PHILADELPHIA — Point guard Phil Ewing was traded by the 76ers to the Cleveland Cavaliers Tuesday for guards Kevin Ollie and Kedrick Brown. This will be Ollie's third stint with Philadelphia.

Snow spent 6½ seasons with the 76ers, averaging 9.7 points and 1.6 assists while helping them to the 2001 Eastern Conference championship.

Philadelphia coach Jim O'Brien has said he wanted an up-tempo team. That didn't seem to fit Snow, who is a better fit in a half-court offense.

Kings sign center Ostertag
SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Cen-

ter Greg Ostertag signed with the Sacramento Kings on Tuesday, leaving the Utah Jazz after nine seasons.

The terms of Ostertag's deal weren't immediately available. Ostertag averaged 5.1 points, 5.9 rebounds and 1.85 blocks during his career with the Jazz, who made him a first-round draft pick in 1995. He played in two NBA Finals with Utah in 1997 and 1998.

Giricek re-signs with Jazz

SALT LAKE CITY — Gordon Giricek re-signed with the Utah Jazz on Monday, returning to the team that picked him up at the trading deadline last season.

A Jazz spokeswoman said she could not disclose details of the contract, widely reported to be worth \$16 million over four years.

Giricek played in 25 games for the Jazz last season after coming over from Orlando in a deal for DeShawn Stevenson.

Rapper Nelly latest to join Bobcats ownership group

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Rapper Nelly is a part-owner of the NBA's expansion Charlotte Bobcats.

"This is a great opportunity for both the Bobcats and Nelly," Robert L. Johnson, the team's majority owner and the founder of Black Entertainment Television, said Monday in a news release.

Nelly, whose real name is Cornell Haynes Jr., joins an ownership group that includes former NBA players and executives M.L. Carr, Felix Sabates, owner of NASCAR racing teams, and Hugh McColl Jr., former CEO of Bank of America.

For embattled sport, Devers a breath of clean air

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Her curly, 3-inch fingernails painted gold and her posture as breathless as her pace on the track, Gail Devers is headed for her fifth Olympics.

Once, in her early 20s, she was days away from having her feet amputated because of a rare disease affecting her immune system.

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Now Devers is 37, taking her last shot at the one gold that has eluded her in an event that has defined her career and, metaphorically, her life — the hurdles.

"I'm ecstatic. I feel blessed," Devers said. "I'm the U.S. Olympic track and field trials ended on a 110-degree Sunday that was a fitting preview of the searing heat expected in Athens."

"I've been there, done that before, but each time is like a new experience for me. I try to look at it as if it's my first time going to the Olympic Games."

Maybe this time she will clear those hurdles cleanly, run the perfect race she has pursued so long and missed heartbreakingly on the biggest occasions. Three world championships in the 100-meter hurdles tell her she can do it, no matter the date on her birth certificate.

"If I had asked me in 1988 how long I would be here, I would have told you I thought I was done in '88," she said. "The key to it for me, for all these years, is still having fun. The challenge for me has been coaching myself. You have to look for chal-

lenges to keep yourself motivated."

From Seoul to Barcelona to Atlanta, Sydney and now Athens, this devoutly religious daughter of a Baptist preacher has been a burst of sunshine in a sport too often consumed by the darkness of doping. She embraces the roles of ambassador of track and big sister to the budding young stars who surround her on the U.S. team.

By chance, a doping case might give Devers the opportunity to race again in the 100 sprint, which she won in 1992 and '96. She finished fourth in the trials behind Torri Edwards, who faces a two-year ban if found guilty of using a banned stimulant.

Edwards took her case to an arbitration panel Monday, but the odds of her winning are poor. She may very well be taken the stimulant inadvertently, as she says, as an additive in a glucose mixture her doctor gave her in Milwaukee in April. But the bottom line, as the World Anti-Doping Agency keeps telling athletes, is they are responsible for anything found in their body.

If Devers is the beneficiary of Edwards' blunder and chooses to run in the 100, she would have to compete five days in a row. That could compromise her chances to win, finally, in the 100 hurdles.

"I've never made a hasty decision," Devers said. "I'm not going to start."

She said she will do what she always does when she has to make a big decision: pray.

Devers appears on the 100, it would open up a spot in the race for Marion Jones, the defending Olympic champion who finished fifth in the trials. That would be one more twist in the never-ending doping stories of the Games, because Jones is under scrutiny by the U.S. Anti-Doping



Gail Devers will try to win Olympic gold in her signature event, the 110 hurdles, for the first time this summer in Athens.

Agency because of her links to the Bay Area Laboratory Co-Operative, accused doper and boyfriend Tim Montgomery and former husband C.J. Hunter, who was banned for using a steroid.

These are grim days in the sport. Fairness is a slippery commodity and athletes with integrity, like Devers, are too few.

Track and field's governing body recommended Sunday that the U.S. 1,600 relay team, led by Michael Johnson, be stripped of its gold medal finish in Sydney Olympics as part of Jerome Young's doping case.

The International Olympic Committee is expected to endorse the recommendation. USA Track & Field said it "regrets" the decision and will try to fight it.

The recommendation came 2½ weeks after the Swiss-based Court of Arbitration for Sport ruled Young, the 400 world champion who ran in the relay's opening and semifinal rounds, should be stripped of his gold because of a positive test for the steroid nandrolone on June 26, 1999.

Young, who has denied taking a prohibited substance, was exonerated by a USAITF doping appeals board on July 10, 2000. If the whole U.S. 1,600 relay team is punished, the IOC might start looking deeper into Olympic history and correct more blatant injustices. Open up the whole rotten Pandora's box.

Go back to 1976 and give American swimmer Shirley Babashoff the golds she was denied when she finished behind East German pumped up on steroids. Take a look at the East German marathoner who came out of nowhere to beat Frank Shorter. Examine the medical records and interview the East German women with bulging muscles and husky voices who won golds in 1988.

When the Berlin Wall fell, the East German sports secrets started leaking out. Manfred Hoppner, the deputy director of East Germany's sports medicine machine, revealed documents that detailed the country's cheating. In 2000, Lothar Kipke, the chief doctor of the East German Swimming Federation from 1975 to 1985, was convicted of causing bodily harm to 38 swimmers with drugs.

Does the IOC, so eager to come down hard on the U.S. team, have the guts to probe the seamy side of the Olympics over the past three decades?

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Two Mississippi football players suspended following arrest

The Associated Press

JACKSON, Miss. — Running back Jamal Pittman and linebacker Ken Bourmes have been suspended indefinitely from Mississippi's football team following a weekend arrest, Rebels coach David Cutcliffe said in a statement released Monday.

"We are gathering information surrounding the events regarding the arrest of Jamal Pittman and Ken Bourmes in Memphis, Tenn., over the weekend," Cutcliffe said.

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"At this time, they are suspended indefinitely from all football related activities. As we gather information and assess the situation, we will then make a further statement."

The statement, which was sent to media outlets and posted on the school's Web site, did not say why the two were arrested.

A Web site for the Shelby County Jail in Memphis listed a Jamal Pittman from Columbia, Miss. being booked early Sunday morning on charges of "reckless endangerment-deadly weapon" and "resistance to official detention." He was being held on a \$50,000 bond with a court date set for Wednesday at 9 a.m.

Pittman, a sophomore running back, played in five games last season, gaining 214 yards on 42 carries. He ran for a touchdown against Louisiana-Monroe.

Bourmes, a senior, was expected to start at linebacker after a strong performance in spring drills.

Samsonov back with Bruins; Flames lock up Nilsson

The Boston Bruins re-signed star wing Sergei Samsonov on Tuesday while the Calgary Flames agreed to terms with Marcus Nilsson, locking up one of their key players from this spring's playoff run.

Samsonov agreed to a one-year, \$3.65 million offer.

Samsonov has played in just 66 games during the past two seasons because of right wrist surgery, a knee sprain and a rib injury. But he had 22 goals and 29 assists in that span.

Nilsson, 26, has 20 goals and 13 assists in 83 games with Florida and Calgary last season. The defensive-minded forward finished fourth in playoff scoring for the Flames with 11 points in 26 games. The Flames acquired Nilsson from the Panthers in March for a second-round draft choice.

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Lance Armstrong crosses the finish line ahead of Italian Ivan Basso, left, to win the 15th stage of the Tour de France between Valreas, southern France, and Villard-de-Lans, French Alps, on Tuesday. Armstrong is five stages from becoming the first to win the Tour six times.



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Peak performance

Armstrong takes overall lead in Alps, sets up No. 6

BY JOHN LEICESTER
The Associated Press

VILLARD-DE-LANS, France — Lance Armstrong retook the overall lead in the Tour de France on Tuesday, outpacing his top two challengers to win the first stage in the Alps and close in on a record sixth straight title.

Armstrong moved past Ivan Basso and 1997 Tour champion Jan Ullrich in the curves before the closing stretch to claim his second stage victory in the 2004 Tour and the 18th of his illustrious career. He also has won two team time trials.

"There's something special in winning in a sprint," Armstrong said. "To win in a sprint for me is much more intense than being alone."

The Texan earned his 61st yellow jersey as overall leader, meaning he will overtake Miguel Indurain for third place when he wears his jersey during Wednesday's stage.



day's stage. Armstrong also wore yellow for one day after the team time trial July 7, but he ceded the lead to Frenchman Thomas Voeckler the next day.

"It's exciting to take the yellow jersey, even if it's number 61 or however many. It's still a thrill," Armstrong said.

Voeckler held on until Tuesday, having bravely and narrowly defended his advantage in the Pyrenees. Armstrong entered those mountains trailing by nine minutes and whittled that down to 22 seconds heading to the Alps.

Five-time Tour runner-up Ull-

rich's bid to dethrone Armstrong was hurt in the Pyrenees, but Basso appeared to still have a shot after two weeks of punishing racing.

Neither Ullrich nor Basso, though, had the strength to stay with Armstrong at the end of Tuesday's 112-mile ride from Valreas to Villard-de-Lans, including seven climbs, in heat topping 85 degrees.

Having pulled ahead of the rest of the riders, that trio — plus Ullrich's teammate Andreas Klöden — jockeyed for an edge during the closing yards, trading leads of a bicycle length or so.

Basso was credited with the same finishing time, with Ullrich three seconds behind, and Klöden six seconds back in fourth place.



Frenchman Thomas Voeckler, above, held the overall lead for nine stages after taking it July 8.



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